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Front Range Equine Rescue Earns First Equine Colorado Accreditation from Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries

Front Range Equine Rescue is “a national leader” says GFAS director

Today the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the nation’s premier organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, announced Front Range Equine Rescue became the first Colorado equine rescue and sanctuary accredited. The accreditation signifies the implementation of clear and respected international standards, enabling the public, donors and government agencies to recognize credible sanctuaries that adhere to the true mission of providing safe haven and humane care for abused animals.

“Front Range Equine Rescue is a national leader,” states Patty Finch, executive director of GFAS, “with outstanding educational outreach on horse abuse, horse slaughter and wild horse issues. Their mailings reach more than 80,000 households nationally with solid information on these vital issues.”

Hilary Wood is the President and Founder of Front Range Equine Rescue, ably guiding the many special programs of Front Range, along with a dedicated Board. Special programs include “Stop the Backyard Breeder” which offers responsible horse owners a partial reimbursement for gelding stud colts and stallions. The “Trails End” program was implemented to provide financial assistance with humane euthanasia and act as a deterrent to sending the very old, sick or crippled horse into the slaughter pipeline. Front Range Equine Rescue is also experienced with fire evacuation for horses and now offers programs to help responsible horse owners with limited hay/feed or veterinary assistance. Front Range Equine Rescue also offers useful tips to horse owners on how to safely re-home their horse.

“In addition to our comprehensive rescue program, we believe that education is critical to stopping the abuse and neglect of horses,” states Hilary Wood. “From our beginning in 1997, we have offered annual clinics and seminars on a variety of horse care topics emphasizing owner responsibility. On a national level, we are working hard to ban horse slaughter and provide viable solutions for these horses as well as continuing with our “Save the Wild Horses” campaign. We are honored that our organization has been accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries and that we have received a 4-star rating for the second year in a row by Charity Navigator.”

About Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries

Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the sole purpose of strengthening and supporting the work of animal sanctuaries in the United States and abroad. The goal of GFAS in working with and assisting sanctuaries is to ensure they are supported, honored, recognized and rewarded for meeting important criteria in providing care to the animals in residence. GFAS was founded in 2007 by animal protection leaders from a number of different organizations in response to virtually unchecked and hidden animal exploitation of animals for human entertainment and financial profit. These founding leaders sit on the GFAS Board of Directors to continue guiding the organization's work in a collaborative manner. They represent top leadership from Born Free USA, The Humane Society of the United States, World Society for the Protection of Animals, American Anti-Vivisection Society, and International Fund for Animal Welfare.

About Front Range Equine Rescue

Front Range Equine Rescue (FRER) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization working to end the abuse and neglect of horses through rescue and education. The rescue program provides direct rescue, rehabilitation and adoption of horses to qualified homes. The rescue program also includes special projects such as "Stop the Backyard Breeder" (a reimbursement program for gelding stud colts/stallions), "Trails End" (financial assistance with humane euthanasia when appropriate), fire/disaster evacuation for horses, and national campaigns to end horse slaughter and save America's wild horse herds. The educational program offers annual clinics and seminars on a variety of horse related topics emphasizing owner responsibility and strengthening the horse-owner partnership along with a quarterly newsletter on FRER's activities, programs and horses, and a series of educational brochures. Since its inception in 1997, Front Range Equine Rescue has helped thousands of horses with its rescue program efforts and countless others through educational efforts.