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## Colorado Horse Rescue Receives Accreditation from Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries

### Colorado Horse Rescue has been helping horses since 1986

Today the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the nation's premier organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, announced Colorado Horse Rescue became 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.

"Colorado Horse Rescue can be very proud of its twenty-five years of service to equines," states Patty Finch, executive director of GFAS. "It became a 501(c)3 two years after starting, and has thrived through the challenges of moving and changes in leadership, including the loss of the two original founders. This is an organization that has proven it is here for the long haul."

Judy B. Smetana is the Executive Director, bringing a strong human resources background and 14 years of not for profit work to the organization. She is ably assisted by Jenny Logan, Equine Facilities Director, other dedicated staff and a Board of six. But what makes everything work is the wonderful and active volunteer base.

"Colorado Horse Rescue thrives because of an active and dedicated volunteer base of about 70 who put in a minimum of 12,500 hours annually. CHR volunteers do everything from mucking to grooming and are always available to give site tours. We couldn't do it without them," states Smetana.

The three main goals of Colorado Horse Rescue are:

- To provide shelter, rehabilitation, care and adoption services for surrendered and legally impounded horses, entrusted to their care
- To facilitate the surrender of horses referred by Animal Control Officers due to owner neglect or abandonment
- To facilitate the surrender of horses by owners who are no longer able to provide adequate care for their equines

Logan adds, "In 2011 we hope to continue on our mission in finding permanent loving homes for our horses. This is made possible by the generosity of our donors and organizations such as GFAS."

Congratulations to Colorado Horse Rescue!

**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, joined by National Anti-Vivisection Society. For more information visit [www.sanctuaryfederation.org](http://www.sanctuaryfederation.org)

**About Colorado Horse Rescue**

Colorado Horse Rescue is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing emergency relief, shelter, care, rehabilitation, and adoption services for abused, neglected, abandoned and homeless horses. Located in Longmont, CO. Phone: 720 494 1414 ext 2201 Fax: 720 494 1415 Visit [www.chr.org](http://www.chr.org) for more information.