

## MEDIA CONTACTS:

Jackie Bennett, Program Director- Africa and Asia  
Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries  
571-249-3692  
[jackie@sanctuaryfederation.org](mailto:jackie@sanctuaryfederation.org)  
[www.sanctuaryfederation.org](http://www.sanctuaryfederation.org)

Erika Fleury, Program Director  
North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance  
860-806-4542  
[admin101@sanctuary-alliance.org](mailto:admin101@sanctuary-alliance.org)  
[www.primatesanctuaries.org](http://www.primatesanctuaries.org)

## Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries and North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance Announce Second Annual Animal Sanctuary Caregiver Day

*Animal Sanctuary Caregiver Day was founded in 2017 to recognize the important work of animal caregivers, the unsung heroes of animal sanctuaries and rescue centers worldwide.*

(May 30, 2018) The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) and North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance (NAPSA) announce the second annual Animal Sanctuary Caregiver Day, to be observed on June 8, 2018. GFAS and NAPSA established the day in 2017 to recognize and highlight the important work of animal caregivers - often the “unsung heroes” - in animal sanctuaries, rescue centers, and wildlife rehabilitation centers worldwide.

**“Caregivers are the heart and soul of animal sanctuaries,” said Erika Fleury, NAPSA’s Program Director. “NAPSA is thrilled to have been involved in creating this event so we may all recognize and thank the selfless people who help rescued and retired animals all year long.”**



In 2017, the first year of the event, sanctuaries, rescues and wildlife centers in the United States as well as elsewhere in Europe, Africa, and Asia used their social media to celebrate the day and thank their hard working staff and volunteers. This year, sanctuaries are again encouraged to recognize the day and tag their social media announcements with the hashtag #SanctuaryCaregiverDay. Ways to observe the day include coming together to celebrate recent care victories, launching a “Caregiver of the Month” program, and sharing information about caregivers on an organization’s Facebook page and other social media so that supporters can “meet” them.

**“On behalf of our partner organizations, GFAS is delighted to honor the work of animal caregivers across all species and throughout the world,” said Kim Haddad, D.V.M., GFAS Board Chair. “While this is just one day, we know the valuable role that caregivers serve year round in giving animals a high quality life in captivity and preparing them, when possible, to return to life in the wild.”**



**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, rescues, and rehabilitation centers worldwide. GFAS was founded in 2007 by animal protection leaders from a number of different organizations in response to virtually unchecked and often hidden exploitation of animals for human entertainment and financial profit. [www.sanctuaryfederation.org](http://www.sanctuaryfederation.org).

**About North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance:**

The North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance (NAPSA) was founded in 2010 and is a coalition of ten of the leading primate sanctuaries on the continent who care for over 730 nonhuman primates rescued and retired from laboratory research, the entertainment industry, and private ownership. The alliance's mission is to advance and advocate for the welfare of captive primates and it encourages collaboration amongst all those who care for captive primates. NAPSA speaks with one unified, powerful voice on behalf of all of North America's primate population. [www.primatesanctuaries.org](http://www.primatesanctuaries.org).