

# Gaited Advocate Intervention Team, Inc. of Boyds, Maryland is Verified by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



October 3, 2018 (Boyds, MD) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Gaited Advocate Intervention Team, Inc. as of October 3, 2018.

Verification means that Gaited Advocate Intervention Team, Inc. meets the criteria of a true equine sanctuary/rescue and is providing humane and responsible care of the animals. To be awarded Verified status, an organization must meet GFAS's rigorous and peer-reviewed animal care standards which are confirmed by a site visit and they must also adhere to a demanding set of ethical and operational principles. The Verification status also provides a clear and trusted means for the

public, donors and grantors to recognize Gaited Advocate Intervention Team, Inc. as an exceptional organization.

"We are proud to announce the recent Verification of Gaited Advocate Intervention Team, Inc.," said Valerie Taylor, GFAS Program Director-Equine. "GAIT, Inc. has brought together an experienced collaboration of personnel, equine foster home providers, and industry partners to provide rehabilitation, retraining, and rehoming services to equines-in-need. Because of the group's great knowledge of the needs of gaited horses, they are able to extend these services and network throughout the equine rescue community on behalf of the horses."

"GAIT, Inc. is very excited to be welcomed into the GFAS network.," said Denise Parsons, Executive Director of Gaited Advocate Intervention Team, Inc. "There are many rescues in this country, but only a select few meet the stringent requirements to become members of GFAS. We are thrilled that GAIT, Inc. is among those rescues. We consider GFAS to be the Gold Standard of accreditation for organizations involved in animal rescue. We would like to thank GFAS for the hard work they do to help the public be assured that the member organizations they are supporting have the animals' best interest and the public's safety at heart."

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## 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. The goal of GFAS in working with and assisting these animal care facilities 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 often hidden exploitation of animals for human entertainment and financial profit. The GFAS Board of Directors guides the organization's work in a collaborative manner. While the board includes those in top leadership at



The Humane Society of the United States, International Fund for Animal Welfare, and American Anti-Vivisection Society, all board members serve as individuals dedicated to animal sanctuaries. [www.sanctuaryfederation.org](http://www.sanctuaryfederation.org).

**About Gaited Advocate Intervention Team, Inc.**

Gaited Advocate Intervention Team, Inc. (also known as GAIT, Inc.) has been formed to meet an ever-growing demand for the gaited horse breeds and other equines who have become in danger of being shipped to slaughter, are in the hands of neglectful owners or owners that are no longer able to keep their horses. GAIT, Inc. will serve as both a direct rescue for horses as well as a resource for educating others on the care and training of the gaited breeds and horses in general. In addition, we will educate the public about the issues of slaughter and auction pipelines as well as how the gaited horse can be used successfully as pleasure and versatility mounts via public exhibitions, fairs, expos and other similar venues. GAIT, Inc. will act as consultants doing evaluations, video and/or as networking facilitators for private owners as well as other rescues and non-profits that may not have experience with the gaited breeds, but who have taken gaited breeds into their rescue programs. For more information, visit <https://www.gaitrrr.org/index.html>.

**About the ASPCA®**

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