

Illinois Horse Rescue of Will County of Peotone, Illinois is Verified by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



January 23, 2019 (Peotone, IL) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Illinois Horse Rescue of Will County as of January 17, 2019.

Verification means that Illinois Horse Rescue of Will County 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 Illinois Horse Rescue of Will County as an exceptional organization.

"We are proud to announce the recent Verification of Illinois Horse Rescue of Will County," said Valerie Taylor, GFAS Program Director-Equine. "The rehabilitation and re-training programs this organization provides to equines-in-need are thorough and comprehensive. This creates an ideal path for equines to be placed in permanent, adoptive homes, and allows Illinois Horse Rescue of Will County to expand their capacity for care-helping many more horses over time."

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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.

About Illinois Horse Rescue of Will County

Illinois Horse Rescue of Will County is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with offices and barn facilities in Beecher, IL, and Peotone, IL. Our mission is animal rescue and rehabilitation entwined with emotional healing through our outreach programs. We strive to represent both animal and human interests by creating a program that promotes personal growth through animal interaction and care. This unique strategy supports an environment of unconditional



love and companionship in which rescued animal and people can work together towards healing each other and strengthening their ability to be a positive force in the lives of others and of themselves. Our organization is run solely on donations from the kind and generous people who care about the animals we save. Our staff is made up entirely of volunteers. This allows all donations to directly benefit our rescue animals! Our budget is for the animals we rescue; their medical attention, food, bedding, maintaining the rescue facility and the development of educational/therapeutic programs with local schools and charities. For more information, visit <https://www.illinoishorserescue.org/> .

About the ASPCA®

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