

Safe Haven Farm Sanctuary of Poughquag, New York is Verified by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



January 17, 2019 (Poughquag, NY) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Safe Haven Farm Sanctuary as of December 21, 2018.

Verification means that Safe Haven Farm Sanctuary meets the criteria of a true farm animal 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 Safe Haven Farm Sanctuary as an exceptional organization.

“We are proud to announce the recent Verification of Safe Haven Farm Sanctuary,” said Valerie Taylor, GFAS Program Director-Equine and Farm Animals. “Safe Haven endeavors to provide the highest level of individualized care for its’ animal residents, and marries this with admirable animal advocacy and vegan outreach programs. In this manner, the work of Safe Haven Farm Sanctuary encompasses so much more than humane care for animals-in-need; the organization is extending lessons of compassion and respect for all living beings.”

“Safe Haven is honored to have been Verified by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries for the excellent care and affection given to each of our rescued animals, and we are proud to have met their rigorous standards for care,” said Ellen Crain, Executive Director of Safe Haven Farm Sanctuary. “It is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and love shown day in and day out by our staff, volunteers and supporters.”

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 Safe Haven Farm Sanctuary

At Safe Haven Farm Sanctuary, farmed animals rescued from abuse and slaughter are restored to health and given a safe and loving forever home. Over 100 rescued animals live a life of comfort and peace at our sanctuary and are brave ambassadors for farmed animals everywhere. We encourage visitors to meet our residents. Our goal is to raise awareness about the plight of animals raised for food and the benefits of a vegan diet for the animals, human health, and the environment. We are dedicated to spreading compassion and respect for all living beings.

Safe Haven Farm Sanctuary was founded in 2008 by Ellen and Bill Crain. Ellen created the first national environmental health fellowship program for pediatricians, and Bill has published a popular book, *The Emotional Lives of Children and Animals: Insights from a Farm Sanctuary*. They live at Safe Haven with their rescued dog Huckleberry Finn and 4 rescued cats, Hurricane, Theodore, Salt, and Bootsie. For more information, visit <https://safehavenfarmsanctuary.org/>.