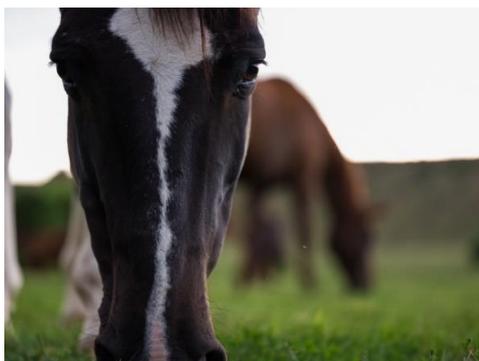


# Dove Creek Equine Rescue of Canyon, Texas is Verified by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



May 31, 2019 (Canyon, TX) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Dove Creek Equine Rescue as of May 7, 2019.

Verification means that Dove Creek Equine Rescue 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 Dove Creek Equine Rescue as an exceptional organization.

“We are proud to announce the recent Verification of Dove Creek Equine Rescue,” said Valerie Taylor, GFAS Program Director-Equine. “Dove Creek does an excellent job of rehabilitating and preparing equines for adoption and matching them with new owners, as evidenced by the high proportion of successful adoptions completed each year. The organization’s Founder and personnel members operate Dove Creek Equine Rescue with an utmost compassion and capability, ensuring growth and sustainability well into the future.”

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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 Dove Creek Equine Rescue

Dove Creek Equine Rescue is a 501(c)3 non-profit, dedicated to making a difference in the unwanted horse population. Our goal is to eventually place horses in homes that are fitting to both horses and owners. We honor and value the horse/human bond and through our programs we offer various opportunities to nurture that bond. Since our inception, in 2012, we have re-homed 75 percent of the horses received while maintaining the other 25 percent that are not adoptable in our sanctuary, thanks to the generosity of our supporters. Once horses are rehabilitated



physically and mentally, those that will be rideable go into our training program and are given time to establish a good foundation and develop their own skills. By only rehoming horses that we feel have had time to fully rehabilitate we ensure a successful adoption. An average of 30 horses at Dove Creek enjoy 500 acres of grassy plains where they roam in a “herd” environment, setting the stage for the continued healing of their minds and bodies. In addition to the financial support we have received, it is this unparalleled environment and painstaking care provided by our staff and volunteer team that enable us to successfully rehabilitate and rehome these wonderful majestic creatures. By meeting the needs of the horse, we have found we are meeting a much deeper need in people - compassionate connection. We believe all beings deserve to have dignity - the state of being worthy of honor or respect. We believe all beings deserve a SAFE PLACE to heal... Dove Creek is that place. For more information, visit <https://www.dovecreekequinerescue.org/> .

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