

ResQue Ranch Inc. of Escondido, California is Verified by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



May 2, 2019 (Escondido, CA) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to ResQue Ranch Inc. as of April 30, 2019.

Verification means that ResQue Ranch 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 ResQue Ranch Inc. as an exceptional organization.

“We are proud to announce the recent Verification of ResQue Ranch Inc.,” said Valerie Taylor, GFAS Program Director-Equine. “The individualized care provided to the animals, coupled with plenty of love and compassion from ResQue Ranch personnel allows horses in rehabilitation to flourish. The care and concern this group has for animals-in-need is very evident, and the programs they offer for horses and horse owners in the San Diego area has created a wonderful sense of community and comfort.”

“To be GFAS Verified means so much to ResQue Ranch, as it acknowledges and supports our duty as humans, to, measure your life not by years, months, days, hours or minutes, but by your purpose in helping those that cannot help themselves--we all have something to give, our time, our talent, and our treasure--animals are a gift from God to be respected, loved and cared for in every way humanly possible,” said Michelle Bearer, ResQue Ranch, Inc., Executive Director.

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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 ResQue Ranch Inc.

ResQue Ranch is a 501(c)3 non-profit equine rescue and rehabilitation center, founded by Phil Pace in 2014 and located in the peaceful rolling hills of Escondido's wine country. Phil Pace, the owner of the phenomenally successful Phil's BBQ restaurants, had already established a solid reputation for philanthropy in the local community supporting underprivileged children, needy families and animals, yet wanted to give back in another way-and ResQue Ranch was born. A lifelong horse lover and animal rescuer, Phil, with the help of his sister, Michelle, both pour their hearts out into managing the ranch on a daily basis.

The rescue provides shelter, food, physical therapy, socialization, training, and adoption opportunities for rescued and rehabilitated horses—horses in transition to a new life. ResQue Ranch rescues neglected, abused, abandoned, emaciated, retired, lame, and injured horses, all of whom otherwise remain at great risk of ending up in the slaughter pipeline. Rescued and rehabilitated horses are, when ready, offered for adoption to eligible, permanent, and caring forever homes. ResQue Ranch is also a resource for the community, and welcomes volunteers and visitors. The property where the horses roam is peaceful and tranquil. The tagline for ResQue Ranch is “a place for healing” – yes, it is a horse rescue where horses come to heal physically and emotionally. Horses that are transitioning to wholeness, given second chances, to reunite with a forever friend or family. For more information, visit <https://resqueranch.org/>.

About the ASPCA®

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