Dear Sanctuary Supporters:

Saving animals in need and giving them lifetime, humane care is absolutely about partnership! Getting animals from deplorable, threatening conditions to peaceful conditions is oddly complex and everything has to fall into place just right. An exotic animal dealer selling wildlife in the pet trade has to get exposed and animals have to be confiscated; a roadside zoo has to go bankrupt; a biomedical research lab has to conclude its experimentation; a horse needs to retire from racing... Someone has to identify an animal in need who warrants rescue, a sanctuary has to be available and equipped to give the animal a new life, funds have to be raised to make it all happen, and then the real work begins! Rehabilitation. Introductions to others of her own kind. Medical treatments. Retraining. Compassionate care. Possibly preparing the animal to return to the wild, or, in the case of some species like equine, to a new adoptive home.

GFAS sanctuaries are truly havens for animals and I’m proud of the work our dedicated team has done this past year. Anyone can call their operation a “sanctuary”. Only those Verified or Accredited by GFAS can be guaranteed to fulfill animals’ needs in the most thoughtful ways and without exploitation for commercial gain.

GFAS sanctuaries ensure animals’ needs are placed above everything else. Given animals who end up in sanctuaries typically have a sad history, enduring suffering and exploitation, they should receive nothing less than constant loving care, peace, and happiness.

As you will see in the pages that follow, there are some exceptional sanctuaries out there. There are more than a hundred sanctuaries, rescues, and rehabilitation centers under the GFAS umbrella, and another hundred plus in the process of joining.

It’s a blessing to know so many people devote their days to provide animals the protective care they need. It’s an honor to be affiliated with an organization that highlights, applauds, and honors their good work.

For the animals,

Adam M. Roberts
GFAS Board Chair
“Blue Rose Ranch welcomes GFAS Verification,” said Cheryl Webb, Executive Director of Blue Rose Ranch Inc. “With this recognition, supporters who cannot travel to our rural location can have confidence that our organization is sound in business practice, a quality and horse-safe property, and overall operates with excellence.”

**2018 GFAS Program Activity**

**165**

Accredited and Verified equine, farm animal, and wildlife facilities

**110**

New applications received from sanctuaries, rescues, and rehabilitation and release facilities

**33**

Site visits conducted to equine and farm animals facilities in North America and wildlife facilities located throughout North, Central, and South America, and Africa and Asia.

**Strategic Planning Workshop, Jakarta, Indonesia**

GFAS, with the generous support of Arcus Foundation, hosted an intensive 2-day strategic planning workshop in June in Indonesia for a select group of sanctuaries and rehabilitation centers. Jackie Bennett, Program Director for Africa and Asia, worked with Lauren Glickman of Foray Consulting to design a series of pre-workshop webinars and training materials to guide participants through steps of examining mission and vision statements, conducting a SWOT analysis, engaging stakeholders, and writing goals. At the workshop, a lively group discussion identified common strengths, opportunities and challenges among groups in the region, and explored ways in which they could collaborate to meet common goals.

**Verified**

- Barn Sanctuary, MI
- Blue Rose Ranch Inc., CO
- Gaited Action Intervention Team, MD
- Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary, OH
- Harmony Acres Equestrian Center, CO
- ReRun, Inc., NY
- Henry’s Home Horse and Human Sanctuary, TX
- Rosemary Farm Sanctuary, Inc., NY
- Safe Haven Farm Sanctuary, NY
- Save a Forgotten Equine, WA
- Trillium Creek Training & Rehabilitation Coalition, OR

**Accredited**

- Pasado’s Safe Haven, WA
- Project Chimps, GA, U.S.
- Woodstock Farm Animal Sanctuary, NY

**Re-Verified**

- Kentucky Equine Humane Center, KY
- Live and Let Live Farm Rescue and Sanctuary, NH
- Pregnant Mare Rescue, CA
- Saving Horses, Inc., CA
- Speak Up for Horses, KY

**Re-Accredited**

- ARCAS Wildlife Rescue Center, Guatemala
- Catskill Animal Sanctuary, NY
- Peaceful Ridge Rescue, FL
- Safe Haven Equine Rescue & Retirement, TX
- Serenity Farm Equine Sanctuary, VA
Annual Giving Day for Apes

GFAS partnered with Arcus Foundation to present Giving Day for Apes, a global awareness day to raise individual support for sanctuaries and rescue centers providing care to great apes and gibbons throughout Africa, Asia, and North America. The day’s focus is to develop these organizations’ skills in using social media as a fund development tool. Webinars and other resources were offered to help attendees design fundraising pages, devise strategies for donor outreach, and hone messaging to make the most impact.

2018’s event was the biggest ever with 37 organizations, including GFAS accredited and verified sanctuaries on all three continents. Each participant organization raised donations leading up to September 25th, the 24-hour online Giving Day. The day was incentivized with $50,000 in prize funds. A record-breaking $558,579 was raised and awarded. In addition to the support of Arcus Foundation, the generosity of prize sponsors American Anti-Vivisection Society and Maria Norbury Foundation made this day a success.

Conferences and Events

Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance Conference, Eureka Springs, Arkansas

The annual Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance conference hosted by Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge was a huge success with over 60 representatives attending from sanctuaries all over the United States as well as supporting organizations including GFAS, Tigers in America, IFAW, and Outreach for Animals. GFAS Board Member and Treasurer Bill Nimmo, founder of Tigers in America and guest speaker, presented a compelling talk on international tiger rescues. At the end of the two-day conference, Turpentine Wildlife Refuge arranged for the attendees to tour the sanctuary.

Attendees got the chance to observe the animals, meet the staff, and learn about the group’s excellent animal care programs including enrichment, behavioral training, and habitat design. The Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance allows true sanctuaries like Turpentine Creek to work together, discuss new methods of animal care, coordinate on potential rescues and advocate with one voice on behalf of captive animals. GFAS is honored to be a part of the Alliance and congratulates it on organizing a truly inspiring and successful conference.

Farm Animal Care Conference, Watkins Glen, New York

In September 2018, GFAS Program Director-Equine and Farm Animals, Valerie Taylor, was privileged to attend Farm Sanctuary’s annual Farm Animal Care Conference. This intensive, four-day event features workshops, lectures, and hands-on learning on topics such as starting and operating a sanctuary, animal care and caregiver techniques, and volunteer and visitor programs. As the Conference is hosted by GFAS Accredited farm animal group, Farm Sanctuary, participants were fortunate to glean unique insight and experience from one of the leading farm animal protection organizations in the U.S.

Equitana, Melbourne, Australia

The GFAS Equine Program decided to broaden its reach beyond North America. In November 2018, to lay groundwork in support of this global outreach, GFAS partnered with The Winged Horse Equine Welfare Sanctuary to present at Equitana in Melbourne, Australia. Equitana is a biannual event showcasing equine education, entertainment, exhibition and competition. Equitana with nearly 50,000 equine-industry attendees is an ideal venue to introduce the benefits of GFAS Accreditation and begin to recruit new applicant organizations.
Sanctuary Highlights

Serenity Farm Equine Sanctuary, Virginia

Serenity Farm Equine Sanctuary was incorporated as a 501c3 in 2016, by Bill and Rhondavena LaPorte, two life-long equine enthusiasts. Because of the organization’s exemplary care, rehabilitation and retraining programs, in November 2016, Serenity Farm Equine Sanctuary achieved GFAS Verification. Over the following two years, the mission of Serenity Farm Equine Sanctuary grew and evolved, to include public education, provide equine interactions to the community, and coordinate with other agencies in Virginia to support equine owners.

The sanctuary made a multitude of improvements to their facility, both to increase their capacity for care and to provide greater ease of care for personnel.

In addition to all these improvements, it was a goal of the organization to transition to GFAS Accreditation. The sanctuary put much thought and time into developing more formal policies, procedures and sustainable business, governance, and financial practices. GFAS provided assistance to the sanctuary including the creation of a long-term strategic and financial plan; succession and contingency plans; grievance procedures and anti-discrimination policy. In December 2018, Serenity Farm Equine Sanctuary achieved Accredited status, and continues to serve as a perfect model of sanctuary sustainability and excellence.

The Elephant Sanctuary, Tennessee

On July 6, 2018, GFAS joined The Elephant Sanctuary, in celebrating Asian elephant Shirley’s 70th birthday! The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee provides lifetime care to elephants retired from performance and exhibition, many of whom suffer long-term health and behavioral issues common to aging captive elephants. As these elephants age, they require greater care and veterinary attention. To better provide for their aging elephants, The Elephant Sanctuary is preparing to break ground on a new, state of the art, Elephant Health Care Center! Shirley, one of the oldest living elephants in North America, is the inspiration. “As we observe changes in Shirley, we recognize greater susceptibility to many of the issues that face aging captive elephants,” said Kate Mason, TES’ Communications Coordinator. “We will continue to apply this knowledge to help care for Shirley and all current and future Sanctuary residents as they age.” GFAS congratulates The Elephant Sanctuary on the development of their new care center and for their continued commitment to providing a safe haven and quality care for captive elephants.

Animals Asia Celebrates 20 Years

Since its founding in 1998, Animals Asia has rescued more than 600 bears in Vietnam and China. The majority came from bear bile farms. In 2017, the Foundation signed an agreement with the Vietnamese government to phase out all bear bile farms over a five year period, which will rescue up to 800 bears. Today, its GFAS Accredited bear centers in Chengdu, China and Tam Dao, Vietnam care for predominantly moon bears (they also have brown bears and sun bears) and employ over 250 Chinese and Vietnamese staff in bear care and other areas.

Animals Asia advocates not only for bears, but for the welfare of dogs, cats, and captive wildlife, including a call to end the use of wild animals for entertainment. In 2018, Animals Asia rescued its 200th bear in Vietnam, a female moon bear who was given the name “Precious.”
## 2018 GFAS Financial Activity

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### Tenth Annual Carole Noon Award

GFAS presented the 10th Annual Carole Noon Award to two remarkable individuals:

**Dr. Karmele Sanchez**, Program Director of Yayasan International Animal Rescue in Indonesia

As the plight of the wild orangutan becomes more desperate due to poaching and deforestation in Borneo, individual animals suffer injury and death in alarming numbers. Yayasan International Animal Rescue Indonesia not only works to protect orangutans, but also rescues, rehabilitates and releases slow lorises, macaques, and other imperiled species. Both rescue centers are GFAS accredited.

**Patti Ragan**, Founder, Center for Great Apes in Florida, USA.

At the Center for Great Apes, the only accredited orangutan sanctuary in North America, former “pets” and performing apes are cared for with compassion and provided for their specialized needs.

Ms. Ragan said of the Noon Award honor, “So much has happened in the past 9 years that Carole would have celebrated (chimpanzees finally being classified as Endangered Species in captivity... chimps finally coming out of invasive research... exploitation of great apes ending in entertainment venues & the exotic pet trade in North America...and new sanctuaries opening to care for these primates . . .” Dr. Sanchez added, “It’s a great honor and an authentic privilege to receive this award. This award is for us a new inspiration to continue working on protecting animals in need . . .”

The Carole Noon Awards are named after the late Dr. Carole Noon, founder of Save the Chimps in Florida, USA. She and her team rescued chimpanzees from biomedical research, including those used in government testing protocols, and cared for hundreds of them.

### Second Annual Sanctuary Caregiver Day

On June 8th, GFAS shared in the celebration of Sanctuary Caregiver Day. GFAS and North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance (NAPSA) established the day in 2017 to recognize the important work of “unsung hero” animal caregivers in animal sanctuaries, rescue centers, and wildlife rehabilitation centers worldwide.
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