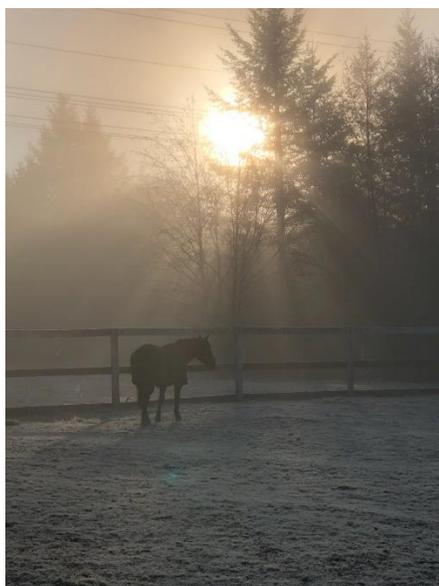


Sunrise Equine Rescue of Grapeview, Washington is Verified by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



September 1, 2020 (Grapeview, WA) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Sunrise Equine Rescue as of August 18, 2020.

Verification means that Sunrise 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 Sunrise Equine Rescue as an exceptional organization.

"We are proud to announce the recent Verification of Sunrise Equine Rescue," said Daryl Tropea Ph.D., GFAS Program Director-Equine. "For equines that may take a little longer to rehome because of age or medical needs, Sunrise Equine Rescue connects these equines with people in a mutual learning and therapeutic environment for the benefit of all. The organization's Board Members, and volunteers are tremendously dedicated and involved in a

hands-on way, ensuring both responsible and humane equine care and organizational growth and sustainability."

"Becoming Certified by GFAS has been one of our primary goals," said Janean Dolezal and Sheila Christiansen, founders of Sunrise Equine Rescue. "To be awarded the Verified status, we have shown that SER has met and will be held to the high level of care standards required GFAS. This hard-won status also shows the public and donors that we are a trusted organization worthy of their donations. To continue with guidance and support GFAS can offer for future goals for growth and sustainability of the organization is an honor."

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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 Sunrise Equine Rescue

Ten years ago, a local group of women with a common vision rallied together and formed an organization to benefit horses finding themselves in less than optimal circumstances. **Sunrise Equine Rescue** located in Grapeview, Washington focuses on rehabilitating neglected and unwanted horses, educating the public with talks, lessons and practicing by example.

We evaluate and assess each horse and develop a treatment plan. With the help of our veterinarians, farriers and a comprehensive nutritional program, body work, massage and other therapies we successfully rehabilitate the horses in our care. We determine what job is best for their age and condition being included in our lesson programs, in various disciplines attending shows to display the rescued horses and their various talents are extremely beneficial to the horse and their well-being.

We do not condemn, criticize, or pass judgment, these are facts we deal with every day. We are just trying to **be the difference** in a few lives not just the horse's lives but the people that they will touch in the future one hoof print at a time.

The founders, Janean Dolezal and Sheila Christiansen are committed to high standards of care whether the horse remains with SER throughout its lifetime or whether it is adopted we continue to maintain contact and are vigilant in their standard of care. For more information, please visit <http://www.sunriseequinerescue.org/>.