

Verified RVR Horse Rescue of Plant City, Florida is Now Accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



October 16, 2020 (Plant City, FL) - The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Accredited status to RVR Horse Rescue as of October 13, 2020.

Accreditation signifies that RVR Horse Rescue meets GFAS's rigorous and peer-reviewed equine care standards which are confirmed by a comprehensive site visit. Accreditation also signifies adherence to standards addressing the sustainability of the organization, ethical principles, finances, staffing, education outreach, security and safety and other operational aspects. The Accreditation status also provides a clear and trusted means for the public, donors, and grantors to recognize RVR Horse Rescue as an exceptional organization.

"We are very proud to announce the transition from Verified to Accredited status, for RVR Horse Rescue," said Daryl Tropea, Ph.D., GFAS Program Director-Equine. "RVR Horse Rescue's team of volunteers is quite possibly the most professional, dedicated and committed team of individuals that I have had the pleasure to meet. Their focus is helping equines that need them the most, those that have suffered greatly from neglect and abuse. And in this difficult work, they strive always to follow best practices of equine care and governance because these animals deserve no less when they enter a rescue organization's care."

"RVR Horse Rescue is honored to be a GFAS Accredited Organization," said Shawn Jayroe, Founder and President of RVR Horse Rescue. "It announces to the world that RVR Horse Rescue meets the best standards of horse care and non-profit management and gives our supporters confidence that their donations are saving horses from abuse, neglect, or injury. GFAS also opens doors for RVR to collaborate with peer organizations in the pursuit of animal welfare."

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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 RVR Horse Rescue

RVR Horse Rescue is a registered 501 (c) (3) Non Profit organization in Plant City, **Florida**. An all-volunteer organization, its mission statement is “ RVR Horse Rescue harnesses the power of volunteers to rescue, rehabilitate, and re-home horses that have suffered abuse, neglect or injury.” RVR specializes in taking in the worst cases, working across the state with law enforcement agencies and other rescues to free horses from abuse and neglect. RVR’s experience in healing injuries makes it an ideal rehabilitation facility for Thoroughbreds whose racing career ends due to injury. RVR is committed to its community, offering the educational outreach program C.L.E.A.R, (Care, Learn, Educate, Act, Rescue), a safety net called RVR Angels, and a program to offer veterans respite from PTSD. For more information, visit us at <https://rvrhorserescue.org>.