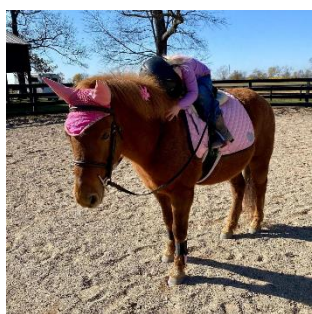


Kentucky Equine Adoption Center in Nicholasville, KY, is Now Accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



May 18, 2021 (Nicholasville, KY)- The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Accredited status to Kentucky Equine Adoption Center (KyEAC) aka Kentucky Equine Humane Center as of April 23, 2021.

Kentucky Equine Adoption Center first achieved GFAS Verification in December 2014, meeting criteria for providing humane and responsible care to equines. With dedication and commitment to demonstrating high levels of professionalism, Kentucky Equine Adoption Center has now achieved Accredited status. Accreditation signifies that KyEAC 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 Kentucky Equine Adoption Center as an exceptional organization.

"We are very proud to announce the transition from Verified to Accredited status for Kentucky Equine Adoption Center," said Daryl Tropea, Ph.D., GFAS Program Director-Equine. "In addition to providing quality rehabilitation and rehoming services to all breeds of equines, this organization has developed innovative educational and therapeutic programs as well. In addition to their very successful adoption program, KyEAC has developed a new program called "Support a Special Horse" (SASH) for companion equines whose riding days are over. This is a program for people who want to learn and play with horses but not ride, providing enrichment opportunities for horses and humans. KyEAC's commitment to innovative programs and best practices in business and financial management ensures success and sustainability for years to come."

We are very pleased to be moved up from Verified to Accredited with the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries," said Karen Gustin, Executive Director of Kentucky Equine Adoption Center. "This worldwide nonprofit promotes best husbandry, rehabilitation, adoption, and general care practices for domestic and wild animals. We are proud to be a part of this organization that does so much for animals!"

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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 Kentucky Equine Adoption Center

The Kentucky Equine Adoption Center is a tranquil 70+ acre farm and safe haven for equines in need. Taking in and providing care for neglected, surrendered, and abused horses, the Kentucky Equine Adoption Center is unique in that it accepts all breeds of horses from throughout Kentucky. Providing rehabilitation with the help of expert veterinarians, farriers and other professionals, the Center ensures each horse reaches its full potential of recovery no matter how long it takes. With the end goal of finding each horse within the Center's care a forever home, dedicated trainers provide horses with the training to be adopted as someone's best friend and partner. For more information, please visit KYEAC.