

Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue in Clinton, New Jersey is Verified by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



October 4, 2021 (Clinton, NJ) - The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue, Inc. (SHRR) as of September 23, 2021.

Verification means that Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue meets the criteria of a true rabbit 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 SHRR as an exceptional organization.

"We are proud to announce the recent Verification of Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue," said Jessica Harris, MS, GFAS Farmed Animal Program Director. "The dedication of SHRR to each and every rabbit that crosses their path is indisputable. They are providing high-level, individualized care to each animal, many of whom come to them from abandonment or other horrible circumstances. And while every animal at the rescue receives all the love and care they need, they don't stop there. SHRR works to address the root causes of why rabbits end up abandoned and in need of sanctuary through educational programming and one-on-one consultation. This impactful work has great potential and we are happy to welcome them into the GFAS fold."

"Domestic rabbits are one of the most misunderstood, misrepresented and all too often abandoned animals" stated Karen Augustynowicz, Director of Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue, Inc. "Our Safe Haven team members are very excited to receive our verification with GFAS because it validates that we provide a high quality of care and meet the requirements of a respected rabbit sanctuary and rescue. With GFAS support, Safe Haven will continue to develop our foster homes, educational programs, and organizational protocols allowing us to reach even higher in our goals of providing and promoting the best care for rabbits and expand our outreach to inspire action for this often-misunderstood species. We thank Jessica Harris for her dedication in helping us through the application process!"



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 Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue, Inc.

Since 2003, Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue has provided a home-like atmosphere for abandoned, abused, and neglected domestic rabbits. Our mission is to rescue abandoned, stray or abused rabbits and find permanent indoor homes for them with caring owners. Those rabbits who are not eligible for adoption have a lifelong home with us as sanctuary bunnies. We seek to inform the public about the unique qualities of rabbits and to educate rabbit owners and humane societies to the proper care and maintenance of rabbits. In addition, we promote and raise awareness of rabbits as indoor companion pets.

Our volunteer caregivers work to educate adopters, rabbit owners, humane societies, and the public about the proper care and maintenance of rabbits. Successful companion rabbit owners are those who understand their rabbit's complex needs and how to accommodate their undeniable instincts.

As a sanctuary, we provide a lifelong home for rabbits with issues. They may be blind, have incurable illnesses or unsafe behavior. Our sanctuary rabbits receive the medical care they need and are provided sanctuary environments designed for their individual needs.

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