Equine Aid and Donkey Rescue of Washington is Verified by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries

(Monroe, WA) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Equine Aid and Donkey Rescue as of October 9, 2016.

Verification means that Equine Aid and Donkey 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 Equine Aid and Donkey Rescue as an exceptional organization.

“We are proud to announce the recent verification of Equine Aid and Donkey Rescue,” said Valerie Taylor, GFAS Director of Accreditation. “Rehabilitation and training for equines is of utmost importance to this organization, as evidenced by the care each equine receives to ensure their return to health. In addition, Equine Aid’s focus on assisting owners in the community with difficulties surrounding their animals demonstrates the organization’s commitment to equines-in-need in Washington state.”

“I have always respected the thorough approach GFAS takes to verify rescues and sanctuaries,” said Geri Vincent, President of Equine Aid and Donkey Rescue. “Having personal experience working with a multitude of rescue groups, I am grateful this organization has shouldered the responsibility of investigating how we operate. The Equine Aid crew is honored to be verified by GFAS as worthy of the public trust and we will continue to take that responsibility seriously.”

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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 Born Free USA, 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 Equine Aid and Donkey Rescue
The mission of Equine Aid and Donkey Rescue is to provide rescue and rehabilitation, placement, or sanctuary for at risk equines, and to serve as a voice against all abuse. Our goal is that every animal accepted into our program will be safe for life. Each one receives complete health care, as much time as they need to recover and to be re-trained prior to placement. If they are not adoptable, they remain here in sanctuary for life. We follow our placed animals and require their return if the adopter can no longer care for them. Our inclusive environment welcomes everyone who admires equines and desires to become part of what we do. We believe that all human and non-human beings deserve kindness and respect. For more information, visit www.equineaid.net or call 360-282-6667.

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Founded in 1866, the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) is the first humane organization established in the Americas and serves as the nation’s leading voice for animal welfare. One million supporters strong, the ASPCA’s mission is to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, the ASPCA is a national leader in the areas of anti-cruelty, community outreach and animal health services. The ASPCA, which is headquartered in New York City, offers a wide range of programs, including a mobile clinic outreach initiative, its own humane law enforcement team, and a groundbreaking veterinary forensics team and mobile animal CSI unit. For more information, please visit www.aspca.org. To become a fan of the ASPCA on Facebook, go to http://www.facebook.com/aspca. To follow the ASPCA on Twitter, go to http://www.twitter.com/aspca.