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Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue of Texas is Accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



July 8, 2016 (San Angelo Texas) - The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Accredited status to Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue (PVDR) as of July 7, 2016.

Accreditation signifies that Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue meets GFAS's rigorous and peer-reviewed equine and farm animal 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.

"There is no denying the absolute dedication and commitment of Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue to improving the plight of donkeys and burros across this country", said Daryl Tropea, GFAS Director of Accreditation – Equine. "The leadership, staff and volunteers of this network of facilities are clearly devoted to providing the highest level of rehabilitation and health care to meet the unique needs of these special equine. With more than 3,000 donkeys in their care, PVDR stands out as a vital contributor to improving the welfare of donkeys and burros not only in Texas but nationally and internationally, as well."

"This accreditation means a lot to all of us", said Mark S. Meyers, Executive Director for Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue. "All of us at the Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue are humbled by this accreditation from the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. We have developed, what we believe, is a world class organization, to have our efforts recognized by such a prestigious organization is a true honor. The staff of Peaceful Valley has always strived to be the very best at what we do, it is an honor to have others see that in us as well."

The GFAS Equine Accreditation Program is made possible by a generous grant from The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® and the Kenneth Scott Charitable Trust.

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 Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue

The Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue is our nation's largest donkey rescue with over twenty facilities nationwide. We work directly with federal, state and local agencies to provide rescue services to abused, neglected, abandoned and wild donkeys. PVDR manages one of the largest privately held herd of donkeys in the world on its main rehabilitation facility in San Angelo Texas, it's sanctuaries in East Texas and its Satellites distributed from Coast to Coast and Border to Border. For more information about Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue call 325.276.1662, or visit www.donkeyrescue.org.

About the ASPCA®

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>.