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## South Florida Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SFSPCA) is Accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



February 12, 2016 (Homestead, Florida)- The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Accredited status to South Florida Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SFSPCA) as of February 12, 2016.

Accreditation signifies that SFSPCA 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.

"Since 1993 SFSPCA has provided a safe haven for more than 2,000 horses and farm animals in immediate need of assistance due to abandonment or abuse.

SFSPCA's commitment to providing high quality care and rehabilitation for these animals is undeniable," said Daryl Tropea, GFAS Director of Accreditation – Equine. "Also, the Board of Directors, staff and volunteers of SFSPCA are to be congratulated for their ongoing efforts to achieve management best practices ensuring the long term sustainability of SFSPCA. We congratulate them for this well-deserved achievement of GFAS Accreditation."

"South Florida SPCA Horse Rescue is ecstatic to receive Accreditation status by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries- GFAS accreditation is the international gold standard for sanctuaries, rescue centers and rehabilitation centers in the animal welfare community," said Kathleen Monahan, President SFSPCA. She continued, "South Florida SPCA Horse Rescue is an important resource for South Florida's Miami-Dade County, and we are extremely proud to be recognized for our continuous efforts to meet GFAS's high animal care and management standards. We pledge to maintain adherence to these standards as we continue our work of providing the best quality of life possible for equines and livestock in our care. Thank you to the Board of Directors, Committees and Staff of GFAS for bestowing this great honor on South Florida SPCA."

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](http://www.sanctuaryfederation.org).

#### **About South Florida Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**

South Florida Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization located in Miami, Florida. Founded in 1992, it is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and adoption of abused, neglected and abandoned horses and other large farm animals. The organization also educates the community about responsible horse care and ownership, and promotes the welfare of equines through local and national advocacy. SFSPCA operates under the guidelines of Florida State Statutes Chapter 828 which defines animal cruelty, abandonment and neglect. It is not part of or supported by a national or governmental agency, nor associated with the A.S.P.C.A. or any other agency or charity. Operating funds come from the donations of money, services and personal efforts of private individuals and companies. For more information, visit [www.helpthehorses.org](http://www.helpthehorses.org)

#### **About the ASPCA®**

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