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## Beauty's Haven Farm and Equine Rescue in Florida is Verified by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries

November 30, 2012 (Morrison, FL) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Beauty's Haven Farm and Equine Rescue (BHFER) as of November 30, 2012.

Verification means that Beauty's Haven 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.

"Beauty's Haven provides extensive rehabilitation and health care services for equines with complex needs that others might find a daunting challenge," said Jeannine Alexander, GFAS Deputy Director-Equine. "Their record for finding lasting homes for these horses is to be commended."

Theresa Batchelor, President and founder of Beauty's Haven states, "Beauty's Haven is thrilled and honored to receive Verification from GFAS which sets a standard for worldwide animal rescue organizations. My lifelong dream of helping horses became a reality and now to be recognized and verified by GFAS, well, it is quite an honor! Verification by GFAS will give our donors and followers the assurance that Beauty's Haven adheres to the highest standards for equines in our care."

The GFAS Equine Accreditation Program is made possible by generous grants from PetSmart Charities® and The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®.

### **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 worldwide. The goal of GFAS in working with and assisting sanctuaries 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. They represent top leadership from Born Free USA, The Humane Society of the United States, International Fund for Animal Welfare, American Anti-Vivisection Society, and National Anti-Vivisection Society.  
[www.sanctuaryfederation.org](http://www.sanctuaryfederation.org).

### **About Beauty's Haven Farm and Equine Rescue**

Beauty's Haven Farm and Equine Rescue is an IRS 501(c) (3) non-profit charity of volunteers that rescues, rehabilitates, and re-homes abused, surrendered, or abandoned equine. When the equine is ready, our goal is to place the horse or donkey in a carefully screened, loving, and forever home. We network with other caregivers and

often take cases that may seem hopeless. We have taken in horses from less than 6 hours old to more than 42 years old, many with complex health conditions.

Through our informal outreach programs, we educate the public on proper care of horses, we work with the local authorities, we offer community service hours, and we serve as a training ground for students who plan to enter into animal care or veterinary programs. We also provide lifelong sanctuary for a select group of horses with special needs.

Beauty's Haven is located in Morriston, Florida at a beautiful 17 acre facility. We care for 30-45 equines of all breeds between the farm, trainers, and foster homes. We rely on volunteers to assist us in running the farm, placing horses, and doing site visits. Since 2006, we have placed more than 200 horses in forever homes. For more information, please visit us at [www.bhfer.org](http://www.bhfer.org) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bhfer.tb](https://www.facebook.com/bhfer.tb), or call us at 352-258-9309.

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