

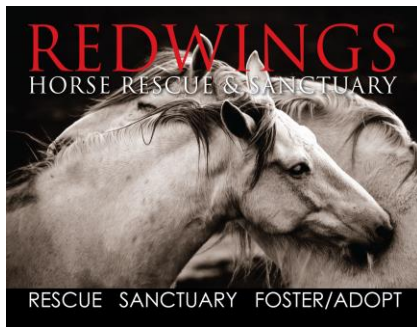


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## Redwings Horse Sanctuary of California is Accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



September 30, 2016 (Lockwood, CA) - The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Accredited status to Redwings Horse Sanctuary (aka Horse Power Sanctuaries) as of September 30, 2016.

Accreditation signifies that Redwings Horse Sanctuary meets GFAS's rigorous and peer-reviewed equine 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.

"Redwings Horse Sanctuary is a wonderful role model demonstrating excellence and professionalism in equine best practices of animal care and nonprofit management," said Daryl Tropea, GFAS Director of Accreditation. "Redwings is dedicated to providing a lifelong home for equines needing sanctuary due to age, illness or injury and also to providing adoptive homes for healthy horses when appropriate. Today Redwings is home to more than 85 equine of all sizes and breeds. The dedication the staff, volunteers and Board of Directors have for the welfare of all these animals is undeniable. We are proud to announce their well-deserved achievement of GFAS accreditation".

"Redwings is honored to be accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries", said Paula Germain, Executive Director of Redwings Horse Sanctuary. "Redwings enjoyed the accreditation process and the staff at GFAS were wonderful to work with and very supportive. GFAS sets the highest standards for equine care and Redwings is very proud to have met all of their strict standards of care. We look forward to continuing to provide the highest standards of care to all of our equine residents".

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 Red Wings Horse Sanctuary**

Redwings Horse Sanctuary was founded in 1991 and is dedicated to rescuing abused, abandoned, and neglected horses. Our organization also promotes community outreach and education to help prevent future abuse and neglect. Redwings accepts all breeds from adorable miniature horses, to magnificent draft breeds. Redwings has a foster to adopt program to ensure that all our horses are placed in appropriate and loving permanent homes. Redwings is proud to be an after care partner for the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance and The California Retirement Management Account to help retired racehorses find new careers in second homes. We are honored to be accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. For more information, call 831-386-0135 or visit us at [www.redwingshorsesanctuary.org](http://www.redwingshorsesanctuary.org)

### **About the ASPCA®**

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