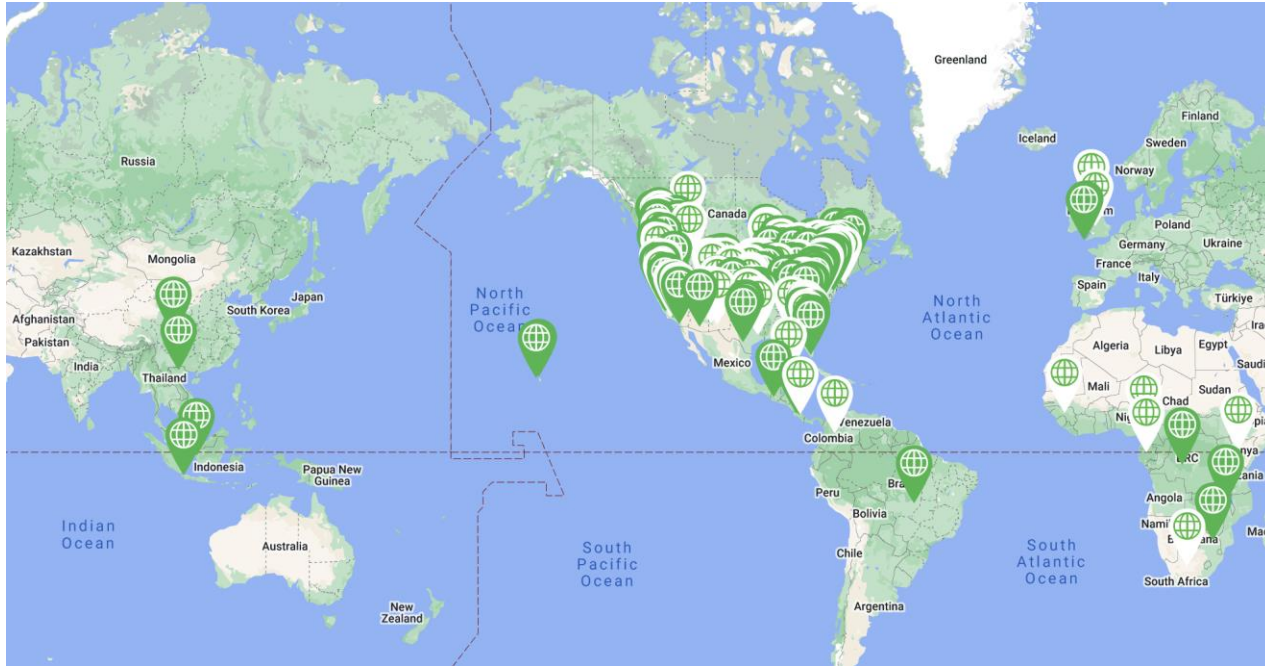


AN INTRODUCTION TO ACCREDITATION



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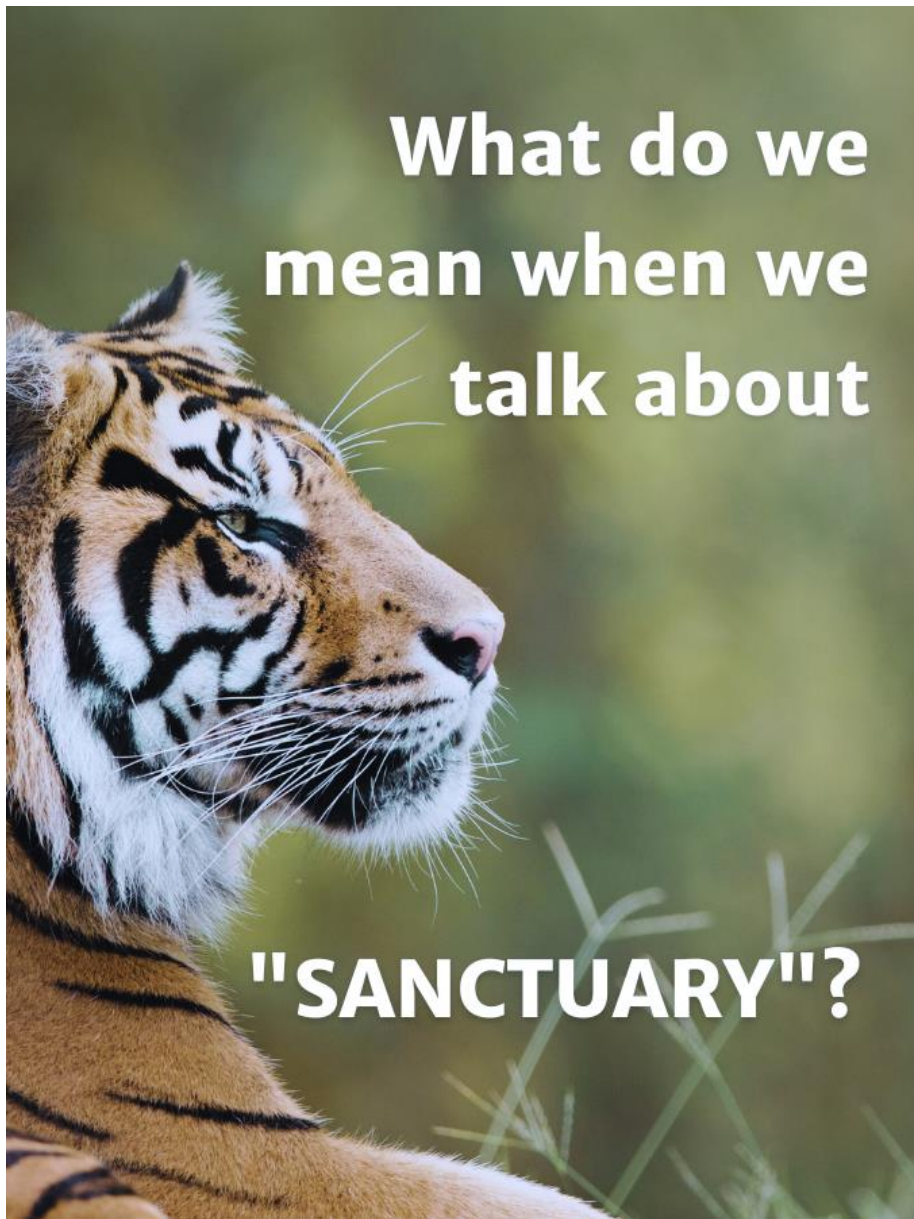


- ✓ 127 Equine Facilities
- ✓ 32 Farmed Animal Facilities
- ✓ 52 Wild/Exotic Animal Facilities

About Us

GFAS' mission: to accredit and recognize sanctuaries and rescue centers, support them to achieve the highest Standards of Excellence, promote collaboration, and raise awareness of their work.

GFAS currently supports 210+ sanctuaries located within the U.S. and throughout 18 countries, worldwide.



For GFAS, an animal “sanctuary” is a facility providing temporary or permanent safe haven to animals in need.

This includes:

- ✓ Equine transition centers
- ✓ Equine sanctuaries
- ✓ Wildlife sanctuaries giving lifetime care
- ✓ Wildlife rehabilitation facilities that release animals
- ✓ Farmed animal sanctuaries and rescue centers

- ✓ Must have non-profit status
- ✓ No direct contact with wild animals
- ✓ No commercial trade of animals or animal parts
- ✓ No breeding unless part of a bona fide breeding for release program
- ✓ No invasive research



- In addition to eligibility requirements, facilities must meet GFAS Standards of Excellence in areas of animal care and operations.
 - Operations Standards contain guidelines for non-profit governance, finance, staffing, safety and education/outreach.
 - Equine Standards contain guidelines for animal housing, nutrition requirements, veterinary care, and adoptions and fostering.
- GFAS accreditation is not a pass/fail process. Rather, application to GFAS and action items to come into alignment with GFAS Standards are a self-evaluation and learning process.



Maintaining Standards

Working closely with our member sanctuaries, we improve animal care and ensure best practices and compliance.



Learn more about GFAS accreditation:
sanctuaryfederation.org



VERIFICATION and ACCREDITATION

Both involve the same level of assessment in areas of equine housing, veterinary care, nutrition, and well-being, with Accreditation also putting greater emphasis on governance, financial planning, and risk management including:

- ✓ Formal strategic and succession plans
- ✓ Long term financial plan and greater financial reserves
- ✓ Training and supervision manuals for employees, volunteers and interns

Both Verification and Accreditation require site visits.



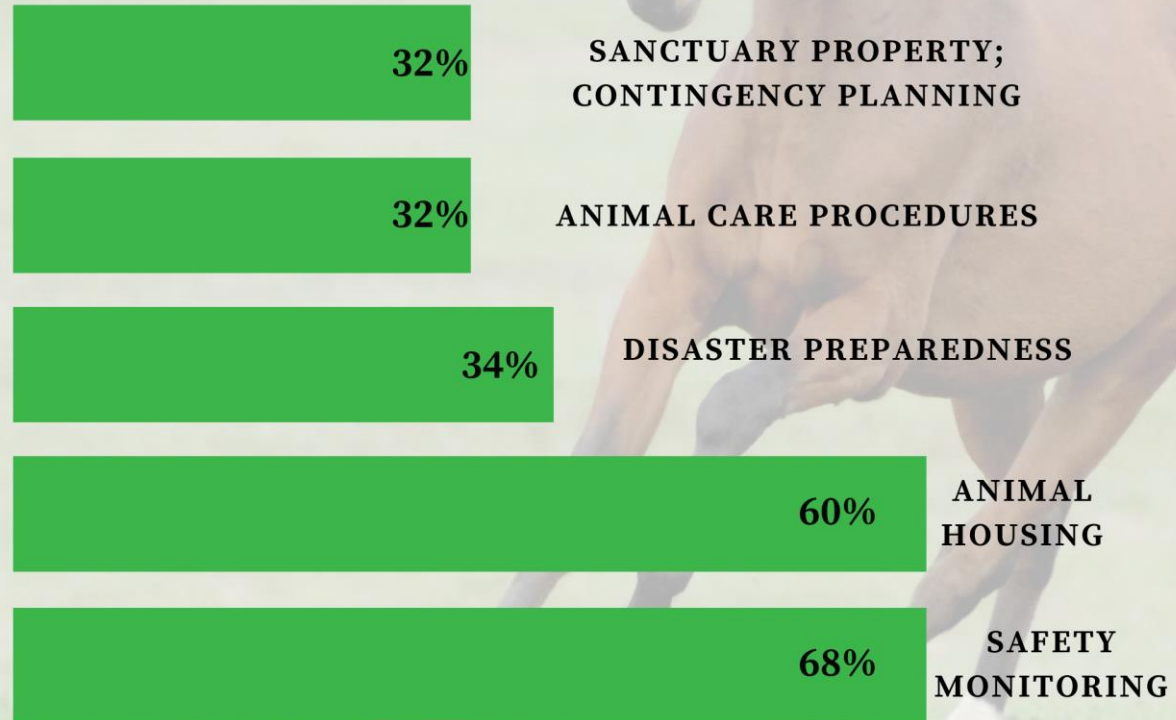
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help animals

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Accreditation Impact

2022-2023





THE BENEFITS OF GFAS ACCREDITATION



RESOURCES

Access to presentations, workshop events and a constantly growing library of educational materials. Consideration by foundations and donors who may require or weigh GFAS status in funding decisions.

CONFIDENCE

To the people committed to helping distressed and displaced animals, GFAS accreditation provides the comfort and confidence that animals are receiving the best in care.

CREDIBILITY

A simple and meaningful way for sanctuaries and rescue centers to communicate that they are officially recognized as committed, professional, and worthy of support.

CONNECTION

Opportunities to network and collaborate with other sanctuaries and rescue centers and to seek support from GFAS when challenges arise.

ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL BENEFITS for Accredited or Verified facilities



Global Recognition of Your Achievement



Collaboration and Mentoring with Other Sanctuaries and Rescue Centers



Educational Opportunities

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THANK YOU!

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