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## Hanaeleh Horse Rescue of California is Verified by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



(Trabuco Canyon, CA) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Hanaeleh as of June 1, 2015.

Verification means that Hanaeleh 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.

"Hanaeleh after the namesake location in the song 'Puff the Magic Dragon', provides a healing and safe environment for horses in need," said Daryl Tropea, Senior Deputy Director of the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. "This small but dedicated organization maximizes the use of limited land resources to provide optimal rehabilitation care to horses at risk. Attention is paid to every detail ensuring their resident horses get the mental, emotional and physical care they require to find new homes."

"Hanaeleh is honored to be recognized as a verified member of GFAS. We are proud to be a part of a group of exceptional rescues and sanctuaries whose purpose is to help promote the welfare and education of animals. Being a part of this elite group provides the individuals in our community the assurance that we provide excellent care for all of our animals and will continue to do so in the future," said Elizabeth Zarkos, President of Hanaeleh. "We want to thank GFAS for all of its support to Hanaeleh and to other rescues and sanctuaries. It is heartening to know that there are other such dedicated individuals who work tirelessly for all of the animals in the world."

"The GFAS Equine Accreditation Program is made possible by a generous grant from 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, 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, the ASPCA, and

American Anti-Vivisection Society, all board members serve as individuals dedicated to animal sanctuaries.  
[www.sanctuaryfederation.org](http://www.sanctuaryfederation.org).

#### **About Hanaeleh**

Hanaeleh rescues abused and abandoned horses throughout California and rehabilitates them so they are able to live healthy, productive lives. We strive to both model and promote the most humane and ethical approaches to the care and training of horses. Hanaeleh also actively works towards an end to horse slaughter in the United States as well as other equine-related issues. For more information, visit [www.hanaeleh.org](http://www.hanaeleh.org) or call 949-842-7408.

#### **About the ASPCA®**

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