

## Shelter Farm Sanctuary is the Second Farm Sanctuary in Florida to be Accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



April 28, 2022 (Arcadia, FL) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Accredited status to Shelter Farm Sanctuary as of April 19, 2022.

Accreditation signifies that Shelter Farm Sanctuary meets GFAS' rigorous and peer-reviewed 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. The Accreditation status also provides a clear and trusted means for the public, donors, and grantors to recognize Shelter Farm Sanctuary as an exceptional organization.

“We are very proud to announce the Accreditation of Shelter Farm Sanctuary and welcome them to the GFAS family,” said Jessica Harris, MS, GFAS Farmed Animal Program Director. “Shelter Farm demonstrates the power of dedication, resilience, and love to transform. There, survivors of the animal agriculture industry find a soft landing, through the determination and commitment of sanctuary founder Jenni Presley and her staff and volunteers. The love for each animal as an individual is palpable. Beyond their life-saving rescue work, Shelter Farm’s education and outreach programming exponentially increases their impact for farmed animals by connecting people with the animals themselves. We celebrate the incredible potential of Shelter Farm and are excited for their continued growth and success.”

Founder Jenni Presley says, “Shelter Farm Sanctuary is an ethically vegan, woman-run 501(c)3 nonprofit farmed animal sanctuary located in Arcadia, FL. Founded in 2019, SFS is a forever home to nearly 100 animals saved from abuse, neglect, abandonment, and slaughter. We believe in every being’s right to exist freely, to feel love, and to love in return. Donations are our major means for providing compassionate care and safe shelter to animals who otherwise would have lived unnaturally short lives defined by pain and fear.”

“Earning GFAS accreditation has been a labor of love for all of us here at SFS. The pride we take in this accomplishment is immeasurable; we exist to provide the most exceptional care to these deserving souls and to follow the best practices for sanctuary management. To be recognized for these efforts is both humbling and inspiring. We look forward to securing the funding needed to build a medical barn with a full vet suite and to hire an in-house veterinarian. We also hope to expand our paid and volunteer staff in order to focus on a larger variety of community outreach programs and animal welfare endeavors. We are so grateful to be among the GFAS accredited farmed animal sanctuaries.”

### **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 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 Shelter Farm Sanctuary**

Shelter Farm Sanctuary operates in Arcadia, FL where they rescue animals who are abandoned and neglected, who are in danger of being slaughtered, or who happen to find themselves in similar unsafe situations. They offer monthly tours to provide visitors the opportunity to make connections with animals they normally wouldn't get to know on a personal level.

For more information, please visit: <https://shelterfarmsanctuary.org/>