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The First Rabbit Sanctuary to earn Verification from Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries

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Simpsonville, SC - The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) is honored to announce that Rabbit Sanctuary Inc., in Simpsonville, South Carolina, has achieved GFAS verification.

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Kellie Heckman. Every year, thousands of well-meaning parents across America purchase rabbits as Easter gifts for their children. Often after a very short time, they are abandoned, and they end up in shelters, or worse. Rabbit Sanctuary Inc., a non-profit organization, provides lifetime care for domestic rabbits. Rabbits at the sanctuary live in pairs or trios in open air, predator-proof rabbitats, complete with a custom made bunny dwelling. They spend their days basking in the sunshine, eating organic vegetables from the garden and digging their own natural burrows. “It is heartwarming to see animals that were once unwanted pets experiencing peace and companionship in Rabbit Sanctuary Inc.’s natural woodsy setting” says Heckman.

Achieving GFAS verification means Rabbit Sanctuary Inc. meets the comprehensive and rigorous definition of a true sanctuary and is providing humane and responsible care of the rabbits, meeting rigorous and peer-reviewed standards for operations, administration, and veterinary care established by GFAS, which is the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries. The verification status also provides a clear and trusted means for public, donors, and government agencies to recognize Rabbit Sanctuary Inc. as an exceptional sanctuary.

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.

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About Rabbit Sanctuary Inc.

Rabbit Sanctuary Inc. is a 501(c) 3 charitable organization incorporated in March, 2002. The Rabbit Sanctuary is situated on 30 beautiful acres in a wooded area of Simpsonville, SC. Rescued and unwanted rabbits are given a home for life and provided daily care, lots of love, and the chance to make new rabbit friends. Rabbit Sanctuary Inc. also helps educate people about how to live with rabbits as companion animals. They offer the opportunity to virtually adopt (sponsor) a sanctuary rabbit through the Adopt-A-Rabbit Sponsorship Program. This program helps to support the rabbits by providing funds for their daily needs. For more information about Rabbit Sanctuary Inc. visit, www.adopt-a-rabbit.org