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CROSSWINDS EQUINE RESCUE INC
8182 E 200 N RD
SIDELL, IL 61876-6015

Employer Identification Number:
30-0167186

DLN:

17053054718068

Contact Person:

GREGORY K OLWINE

ID# 31382

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829-5500

Public Charity Status:

509(a)(2)

Dear Applicant:

Our letter dated July 2003, stated you would be exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and you would be treated as a public charity, rather than as a private foundation, during an advance ruling period.

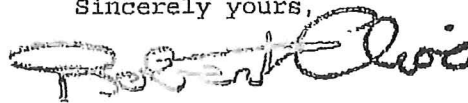
Based on the information you submitted, you are classified as a public charity under the Code section listed in the heading of this letter. Since your exempt status was not under consideration, you continue to be classified as an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, provides detailed information about your rights and responsibilities as an exempt organization. You may request a copy by calling the toll-free number for forms, (800) 829-3676. Information is also available on our Internet Web Site at www.irs.gov.

If you have general questions about exempt organizations, please call our toll-free number shown in the heading.

Please keep this letter in your permanent records.

Sincerely yours,



Robert Choi
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Letter 1050 (DO/CG)



Illinois Department of Revenue

Office of Local Government Services
Sales Tax Exemption Section, 3-520
101 W. Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62702
217 782-8881

September 20, 2013

CROSSWINDS EQUINE RESQUE
PRESIDENT
8182 E 200 NORTH RD
SIDEILL IL 61876-6015

We have received your recent letter; and based on the information you furnished, we believe

CROSSWINDS EQUINE RESQUE
of
SIDEILL, IL

is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes.

Consequently, sales of any kind to this organization are exempt from the Retailers' Occupation Tax, the Service Occupation Tax (both state and local), the Use Tax, and the Service Use Tax in Illinois.

We have issued your organization the following tax exemption identification number: E9940-9666-03. To claim the exemption, you must provide this number to your suppliers when purchasing tangible personal property for organizational use. This exemption may not be used by individual members of the organization to make purchases for their individual use.

This exemption will expire on October 1, 2018, unless you apply to the Illinois Department of Revenue for renewal at least three months prior to the expiration date.

Office of Local Government Services
Illinois Department of Revenue



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February 13, 2009

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This exemption will expire on December 1, 2013, unless you apply to the Illinois Department of Revenue for renewal at least three months prior to the expiration date.

Office of Local Government Services
Illinois Department of Revenue



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF ILLINOIS

July 23, 2004

CROSSWINDS EQUINE RESCUE INC
1476 N. COUNTRY RD. 1350 E
TUSCOLA, IL 61953

Lisa Madigan
ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE Status of CROSSWINDS EQUINE RESCUE INC under The Charitable Trust and The Solicitation for Charity ACT.

Dear Registrant:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your registration statement under The Charitable Trust and The Solicitation for Charity. The registration number assigned to your organization is CO# 01044783.

Please note that when an organization registers under The Charitable Trust and The Solicitation for Charity ACT it is required to file annual financial reports with our office. Annual financial reports are due six months after the organization's fiscal year ends. A copy of the form AG990-IL along with instructions is attached to this letter. Blank report forms are also available at this office or on the Attorney General's Office Web Site at www.ag.state.il.us. It is one of the duties of the organization's officers to ensure that these reports are filed.

I must also call your attention to Section 12 under the Solicitation for Charity Act. Please note that this registration in no way constitutes an endorsement of your organization by the State of Illinois and that any representation as such for the purpose of soliciting or collecting funds will be grounds for cancellation of your registration.

Please contact the Charitable Trusts Bureau, 3rd floor, 100 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601, telephone (312) 814-2595 if the heading of this letter is not correct or if you have any inquiries concerning these Acts or your registration, they will be happy to assist you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Madigan".

LISA MADIGAN
Attorney General

103 Certificates

STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare

License No.
13578

Expiration Date
06/30/2014

CROSSWINDS EQUINE RESCUE, INC.
CROSS, ANN MARIE & MICHAEL
8182 EAST 200 NORTH ROAD
SIDE, IL 61876

Licensed as a(n) HORSE RESCUE

The licensee named above has met the requirements for compliance and licensure under the Illinois Animal Welfare Act which includes regulations and provides penalties for violations thereof. This license expires annually on June 30.



State Veterinarian

Michael A. Ernst

Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries

Crosswinds Equine Rescue

has successfully met the qualifying criteria for verification
with the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries

Standards of Excellence

addressing humane and responsible care of animals
and guidelines defining an ethical and legal sanctuary.

March 4, 2013

Date



Patty A. Finch
Patty A. Finch, Executive Director



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Crosswinds Equine Rescue in Illinois is Verified by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries

March 4, 2013 (Sidell, IL) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Crosswinds Equine Rescue is Verified as of March 4, 2013.

Verification means that Crosswinds Equine Rescue 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.

"We are very happy to announce the recent verification of Crosswinds. This rescue is providing a safe, stable environment while carefully evaluating each horse before making them available for adoption. This sound, methodical approach helps to ensure horses are adopted into suitable, loving homes," said Jeannine Alexander, Deputy Director of GFAS.

"Crosswinds Equine Rescue, Inc. is thrilled to have had the opportunity to earn GFAS verification. In a global world of fundraising, having an internationally recognized verification of how we handle not only our animal care but also our finances and long term planning can make a world of difference. GFAS has an impeccable reputation and we are honored to be considered for verification.," states AnnMarie Cross, President & Founding Director.

The GFAS Equine Accreditation Program is made possible by generous grants from PetSmart Charities® and 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 in the United States and abroad. The goal of GFAS in working with and assisting sanctuaries 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 hidden animal exploitation of animals for human entertainment and financial profit. These founding leaders sit on the GFAS Board of Directors to continue guiding the organization's work in a collaborative manner. They represent top leadership from Born Free USA, The Humane Society of the United States, World Society for the Protection of Animals, American Anti-Vivisection Society, and International Fund for Animal Welfare.

For additional information on Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries, visit

www.sanctuaryfederation.org.

About Crosswinds Equine Rescue, Inc.

Crosswinds Equine Rescue, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit Illinois corporation and one of very few equine rescues that have applied for and earned an IL Animal Rescue Facility License, Class Equine. CWER is located in Sidell IL (east central IL, 90 minutes west of Indianapolis), and was founded in 2003. Our driving focus is to rescue, rehab, retrain, and rehome at risk horses, whether that be from neglect or abuse, starvation or improper past training/equipment/care, giving them a 2nd chance at a successful relationship and life in our human-equine world. CWER's board reaches from Pennsylvania to Nebraska, and focuses upon assisting animals that can benefit from our training and rehab focus, often taking 'dangerous' or 'damaged' horses and putting them on track to successful careers in showing, competing, or simply being a great partner at home to the right adopter. We pay zero salaries, even when providing training, farrier care and owner education to outside clients. All funds go to assisting the horses. To learn more please visit www.cwer.org

About PetSmart Charities®

Established in 1994, PetSmart Charities, Inc. is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that creates and supports programs that save the lives of homeless pets, raise awareness of companion animal welfare issues, and promote healthy relationships between people and pets. The largest funder of animal welfare efforts in North America, PetSmart Charities® has provided more than \$134 million in grants and programs benefiting animal welfare organizations and has helped save the lives of more than 4.7 million pets through its in-store adoption program. To learn more about how PetSmart Charities is working toward its vision of a lifelong, loving home for every pet, visit petsmartcharities.org or call 1-800-423-PETS (7387).

About the ASPCA®

Founded in 1866, the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) is the first humane organization established in the Americas and serves as the nation's leading voice for animal welfare. One million supporters strong, the ASPCA's mission is to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, the ASPCA is a national leader in the areas of anti-cruelty, community outreach and animal health services. The ASPCA, which is headquartered in New York City, offers a wide range of programs, including a mobile clinic outreach initiative, its own humane law enforcement team, and a groundbreaking veterinary forensics team and mobile animal CSI unit. For more information, please visit www.asPCA.org. To become a fan of the ASPCA on Facebook, go to <http://www.facebook.com/asPCA>. To follow the ASPCA on Twitter, go to <http://www.twitter.com/asPCA>.