

True Sanctuary Checklist

Does not allow hands-on interaction or photo opportunities with animals of any age

YES NO

Does not breed animals outside of AZA Species Survival Plan

YES NO

Does not take animals off property for events

YES NO

Does not buy or sell animals or animal parts

YES NO

Animals have access to clean water, shade, places to hide from public view, and proper medical care

YES NO

Facility has 501(c)(3) nonprofit status

YES NO

Bonus: Facility is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)

YES NO

Bonus: Facility is accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS)

YES NO

For more information about the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries visit their website: SanctuaryFederation.org

A true sanctuary is a *place of refuge or safety* that provides quality lifetime care for the animals it has rescued. The term “sanctuary” is not regulated by any governing body. Anyone can start a sanctuary, but only a few facilities can be considered a true sanctuary.

It is crucial to practice ethical tourism and only support true sanctuaries that care for animals. We can make a difference through our choices! Before you visit any facility that keeps wild animals, please check to see if they are a true sanctuary and make sure your patronage will not fund abusive exploitation, dangerous breeding practices, or the exotic pet trade.

