



Compassion Ranch E-News

Animal Progress & Plans for partners & friends.

Personal email list of David to inform and inspire awareness & action.

2000 pounds of feed donated for October!



October 1: This beautiful sight is of a pallet load of animal feed loaded on the old ranch truck, with 8 bags already taken off the top and placed on the sides. A partner who wants to stay anonymous donated feed for horses, donkeys, ponies, goats, and dogs for the month. Other partners donated dry and wet cat food.

This is life enhancing, especially for the senior horses. Grass and hay still makes up most of the volume for filling their tummies though an increasing amount of nutritional value and calories must come from pellets and textured food to keep their weight and health.

Our food and supply needs at Tractor Supply are shown on our online wish list. Our donor asked me how many pounds of each type of food was needed (Tractor Supply

does not yet allow us to show quantities needed like Wal-Mart, Amazon, and Chewy, though we are counting on corporate to add that. In the meantime, I can assist with quantities needed in our plan). The donor ordered what we need, and she added extra snacks she wanted the animals to have. Tractor Supply sends an email telling the order is ready to pick up. A pallet of feed can weigh up to 2,000 pounds, so Tractor Supply uses equipment to load the pallet on the truck. At the ranch we load the food needed soon in galvanized cans and the rest in food grade storage barrels to help keep the food fresh. The senior feed in particular needs protection due to the extra moisture in the food that makes it easier to chew.

Plans include us saving to buy 40,000-50,000 pounds of hay for 17 horses and goats soon. We feed near 10,000 pounds of hay monthly during November through March, and part of that in October and April. We would like to feed hay year-round because it is good for them physically and socially because they like to gather in the corrals at night. We have improved our storage capacity so we can keep over 10,000 pounds at a time and hope to eventually store triple that.

If you want to help with food, shelter, or labor, you can call or write or donate on the web site, www.CompassionRanch.org.

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Compassion Ranch

- Feed and shelter 34 horses, ponies, donkeys, dogs, cats, and goats in sanctuary who help inspire and inform students, families, and groups.
- Develop and host programs with horses to learn and internalize school character traits *Compassion, Courage, Cooperation, Patriotism*...mandated to teach in Alabama.
- Develop and publish online resources for teachers, students, parents, and mentors to use for personal leadership, planning for school & the 7 Areas of Life, and positive character traits.

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