



Happy Holidays from the Animals of Compassion Ranch.

With additions of an injured horse and a kitten this fall, 16 horses, ponies & donkeys plus 19 dogs, cats, and goats now call Compassion Ranch home. Second chances! Our financial and volunteer partners help us make life better for animals plus students and mentors. We provide compassion for this generation of animals and teach the next generation of care givers so they will prove more likely to care ethically instead of abandon or abuse. We aim to provide compassionate care and teach character traits *compassion and courage, patriotism and perseverance.*

Our horse barn was built by Frances & Jean Bryant through Frances Bryant Construction in the 1980s.



The **Animals of Compassion Ranch** get food, sanctuary, and care on 32 acres donated for their use. For horses rescued from starvation, some need help with rehab physically and mentally. For some, their owners died and they just need home and someone to care. All the dogs were abandoned or abused – one was tied to a tree and left 3 days (a former student did that!). Feral kittens grew up with us after one momma cat died and the other needed food and shelter for her babies. Barn kittens appreciate food and shelter after living in a pipe. Goats needing home get food, shelter, and medicine. Everyone now has food and shelter, yet we still need to improve barns, pens, pastures, fencing, watering holes, and grooming....

Callings of Compassion Ranch

- 1) Care of horses and companion animals as a sanctuary and place of service to students, caregivers, nonprofits, and education.
- 2) Character education of traits *courage, compassion, cooperation* for students so more grow up caring instead of abandoning.

What we do for animals and people

- 1) Feed 35 horses, ponies, donkeys, goats, dogs, cats 10,000+ pounds of food most months.
- 2) Serve students, shaping beliefs, values, and habits by teaching and showing character traits so more grow in to adulthood choosing to behave ethically (even children in loving homes and schools can grow up without internalizing how ethical men and women treat animals – please have the talk and set an example so they know not to abandon animals when life gets stressful, or put them on chains, or shoot them for entertainment). Most who abandon are former students, so to help solve the root problem we help parents, teachers, and mentors help more students internalize higher-level thinking and behaving toward animals and develop their personal leadership with plans for living closer to their best-selves.
- 3) Support educational leaders to teach character traits mandated since 1995 to provide in schools – we focus on 7 of Alabama’s 25 legislated traits – *compassion, courage, cooperation, perseverance, patriotism, loyalty, citizenship, plus plans & personal leadership.*
- 4) Help parents, teachers, and mentors teach *Planning for School and College-Career-Character Readiness* to help students write plans to internalize purpose to improve attitude and achievement, including development of compassion and courage.
- 5) Publish CompassionRanch.org, The Animals of Compassion Ranch, Ranch Plan, and Facebook pages Compassion Ranch, Animals Needing Home, Character Traits, Life Leaders Institute, Patriotism in Action...



We invite you to consider the animals and people we serve as you plan your year-end and goals for next year providing donations of time, treasure, and telling others.

IRS info: Compassion Ranch is 1 of 3 programs in 501 (c)(3) nonprofit Life Leaders America.

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