



# Compassion Ranch

Animals getting second chances for life.

Progress & Plans report to friends about services to animals and people. February 2023.

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3 new hay rings donated to help us decrease spoilage, thanks to a partner!



Spaniard when he came to us at Thanksgiving headed toward starvation, now eating all he needs with his herd, and in the rehab stall we built.

His weight gain of 100 pounds is maintaining through the winter. We give him 50 pounds of supplemental food weekly, in addition to grass and hay. We have helped his leg wound but veterinarians tell us it may not heal fully. He has learned to like companionship and horse treats.



Crockett has a hay rack above his feed trough. Water line of 350 feet to house, corral, and barn intends to correct leaks and improve how we water and wash horses. Desk added in Bryant Barn loft for use by visitors to 3 cats.

### Progress highlights

- ☆ Every horse now has access to hay from a hay rack when extra cold or wet.
- ☆ The donkeys have a new gate latch.
- ☆ July has a new stall door latch similar to the donkeys and Spaniard..
- ☆ We took down a very large pine tree in the Blueberry Orchard Paddock to remove pine needles and roots restricting pasture grass. Some of the wood will be used on a sawmill.
- ☆ A partner donated 3 hay rings purchased so we can reduce waste. We anticipate saving 1,000 pounds monthly or 10% of 10,000 pounds.
- ☆ We installed 350 feet of new water line supplying Bryant Barn, Compassion Corral, and the farmhouse. We had four leaks in four years, losing thousands of gallons per month. Francis Bryant Construction donated their mini-excavator for the day. After lots of planning, we dug the trenches and installed the pipe in one long, cold day in January!

### Plan highlights

- ☆ We have escalated improvement efforts in anticipation of a site visit from the herd manager at Arlington National Cemetery. We were asked for dates to visit and we have provided options. We are exploring possibilities for adopting a retiring horse from the famed Old Guard.
- ☆ Plans to improve include: new stall with trough and hay rack, feed room door and wall to loft, rehab stall, new corral, pasture clean up for more grass, and more.
- ☆ Three cats need a new forever home in the barn loft. If you want to help prepare for them this week or visit to help them feel at home, let me know. We expect them February 25.
- ☆ Tessee needs her spay surgery.
- ☆ Lady needs a vet exam. She is our oldest and is showing signs of challenge.
- ☆ Annie needs help with a dewclaw.

Thank you for following and supporting the animals!!!

David

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