



# Compassion Ranch

Animals getting second chances for life inspiring compassion, patriotism, courage....

Joint mailing of Compassion Ranch and Patriotism in Action – July 28, 2023



Lincoln: military working equine (retired) Hank the Tank: retired military Patriot and Indy: main herd

Dr. Blake Busbin: As the Social Studies Education Specialist at the Alabama State Department of Education, I foresee the inclusion of these horses aiding in the teaching of the following:

1. **Character Traits:** Alabama law requires schools utilize a set amount of instructional time each day on character traits. Two of these traits, as defined by law, include “Patriotism” and “Citizenship.”
2. **National Landmarks:** Kindergarten and Third Grade both include standards about recognizing important landmarks that represent American values and history.
3. **National Holidays:** Many elementary grade levels spend time studying national holidays. These holidays include Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

## Progress Recently: Donations of Time & Treasure – People help us buy, serve, improve

1. Anonymous donor (Texas) donates snacks for horses and dogs, plus donates to help buy feed and meds.
2. Steve Vance pledged his cavalry saddle when Hank serves as the caparisoned (riderless) horse.
3. Vet: Crockett got surgery. Nat got meds/rehab advice. Fecal exams for Hank, Lincoln, Warrior, Crockett.
4. Dr. Dee Jones visited three times to advise us about care for Hank and Lincoln.
5. Baldrige Consulting (Michigan) donates monthly so we can count on our budget better.
6. Terry Slaughter donates monthly boarding support for Crockett.
7. Dee Tipps donated to help us pay for Crockett’s surgery.
8. Wes Morton (California) donated.
9. Carol Shauffhausen donates canned wet cat food.
10. Caroline Uhl (California) donates monthly in support of the cat she rescued, Tessee.
11. Celeste Rogers donates monthly in support of the three cats in our barn loft--Nat, Daggers, Scarlet. Nat, senior cat, injured her back leg, and Celeste took her for vet care and got a pen to help her recover here.
12. Amanda Parmley visited with horse treats and helped with Lincoln and Chief.
13. Dawn Dixon donated to support the animals and sent fly masks for horses.
14. Kyle Crider donates an hour or more weekly to improve our web pages and help fix technical problems.
15. Beverly Crider helps post to Facebook and Instagram, adding hash tags to expand audience.
16. Facebook followers for Compassion Ranch just exceeded 400. Thanks for sharing our news and stories.
17. Triple D Ranch and Farm donates use of land and buildings, plus lots of labor.



## Plans: Goals to Improve (FYI – see if you like one to advance)

1. **Crockett surgery & hospital stay:** he is alive and able to run back to his life! Donations help with emergencies and more significant care, such as surgeries, meds, lab work, and hospital stays.
2. **Hay** required daily for Hank (good for all even in summer). We feed 10,000 pounds per month in hay (\$500-\$1,000), plus 2,000 pounds supplemental feeds – horses, dogs, cats, goats (\$1,000+).
3. **Rehab Paddock** so Hank, Lincoln, and Wounded Warrior have a safer home that visitors enjoy-- wood posts, rails, sakrete, wire fence, labor, carpentry, clear brush, remove weak wire & stumps.
4. **Shelter for July/pony** to use in winter/bad weather plus eat at peace without competing donkeys.
5. **Shelter and feeding/rehab pen for donkeys** – Honk, Granny, Jill.
6. **Pen for goats** to encompass their shelter to use when feeding, grooming, treating with meds.
7. **Ceiling fans (9)** to help keep 12 horses comfortable in high heat.
8. **Ceiling fan (xl) for the storage hangar** where cats live and people work.
9. **Round pen to exercise/train/showcase horses**, especially Hank, who needs exercise daily.
10. **Tree cutting:** one big tree in danger of falling close to horses and more to clear land to grow grass.
11. **Horse tack for parades and programs**--black cavalry boots. And, cavalry officer saddle and bridle to use in student classes and ceremonies with Lincoln, Patriot... Saddle stands to display tack.
12. **Patriotism in Action horses** for parade and school programs at ranch – trailer, travel, tack....
13. **Student workers:** stipends and scholarships to work weekly, holidays, summer.
14. **Sponsors to support boarding** (food, shelter, supplies, daily care, health care, meds)--suggested:
  - \$10/day horse (\$300/mo)
  - \$5 ponies/donkey (\$150/mo)
  - \$1 dog/cat/goat (\$30/mo)
15. **Professional services needed**, volunteer or hired (as budget increases, desire to hire)
  - farrier to trim hooves and vet tech to help assess, treat, groom, trim...
  - tree trimming crew (big tree) and chain saw operator/s (fallen trees/limbs/firewood...)
  - administrator – receipts, expenses, taxes, mailing lists, events/volunteer reservations...

## Opportunities to Volunteer

1. **Social media:** share our posts with friends looking for meaningful ways to help animals/students.
2. **Advocacy:** to donors, foundations, journalists, individuals wanting to have impact.
3. **Horse exercise:** walk with Hank for 1 mile or 2.5 mile (parade distance) or walk another horse.

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## Web pages

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3 nonprofit programs: Compassion Ranch – Patriotism in Action – Planning & Personal Leadership