



Compassion Ranch E-News

Progress & Plans about animals & programs for partners & other friends.
To David's personal email list about Compassion Ranch to inform and inspire action.

Spaniard Results after 2 Vet Exams

Progress: 2 vet exams / x-rays / wounds cleaned / medicine / re-gained 50 pounds...

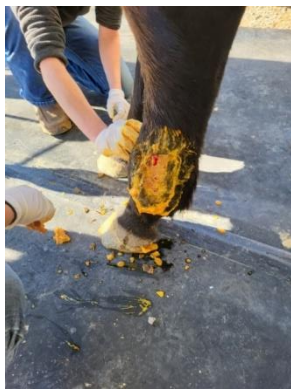
We hired a veterinarian to make a farm call to exam Spaniard. She confirmed with stethoscope good heart and lungs, then estimated age 8, and assessed breed as thoroughbred, who has a tattoo on his inside upper lip suggesting a mark of the Jockey Club for a former racehorse.

I did some research and consulted with another vet, who agreed we needed x-rays to discover or rule out internal damage beneath the leg scar tissue. The plan: x-rays, deep cleaning on the wound so Spaniard could heal with less infection, and exam for worms.



At the equine hospital:

X-rays from 4 angles done on the injured fetlock revealed a past break and the likelihood healing the surface scar tissue may be hard due to diminished blood flow to the area. He will be better with us than before though may not restore fully.



Flesh in old wound cleaned and treated.

Medicine ordered to apply after cleaning to stimulate skin growth and healing. Estimate 100 days wound care to heal the surface tissue – cleaning every 1-2 days and adding medicine.



Fecal sample gathered.

Exam. Strongyles seen in microscope. Minor case. Good news.

Treated with “dewormer” medicine.

We have invested \$550 in vet care, medicine, and supplies to give him a chance. Now food and shelter.



Animal pelleted feed for December donated. Thanks to our partners for helping us feed them!

An anonymous donor has helped us feed over 1,000 pounds of supplemental pelleted feeds to the equines. Additional partners help with cat food, plus Crockett has a sponsor.

We loaded over 1500 pounds of feed on our horse trailer bought used recently! We off load manually until we can get a tractor with front end hydraulics for pallet forks.

We still need to buy 16 round bales of hay for the month.



Horse trailer. We have needed a trailer to transport. Spaniard gave us extra motivation. We got the trailer after he arrived here and used it to transport him to Easterwood Equine Hospital.

Shelter. Since he arrived, we have been working on adding three stalls (for Spaniard's rehab plus pony and donkeys to be used for feeding and shelter from cold and rain. They can be used for feeding though we have more to do this week.

Good news. The vet tech handling Spaniard in the round pen to test his movement thought he would have problems just walking. Yes, he walks with a limp. Yet, when asked to move, he trotted and loped! If he can walk, move faster when needed, with little or no pain that can be a victory!

More good news. He has gained over 50 pounds since he arrived November 19.

Thanks for following, advocating, and supporting the animals! The best is yet to come.

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