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To David's personal email list about Compassion Ranch to inform and inspire action.

Spaniard Seemed Destined to Die Unless...



Nov. 19: This is what I found. Underweight by an estimate of 200 pounds with little grass and no hay or feed. He was alone facing likely starvation during winter. He could walk though with a limp.



Fresh sores on both hips and an untreated wound months old on a back fetlock with massive scar tissue.

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Spaniard is Eating and Healing at Compassion Ranch



I never get used to the surreal feelings, *This can't be happening. People cannot ignore animals like this. But some do.*

I got a distress call. A Good Samaritan lady had written a letter to the people with the horse on their land. Her message: you had better get Dr. Dyson or somebody else to care for that horse or I am calling authorities....

She got their attention. A man was waiting in the driveway when I returned with a ton of hay. I listened to partial truths. I put hay over the fence that evening and returned the next morning to assess.

That is when I realized the severity of his injury. When it sank in that

his condition was real, I admit, I wrestled with myself for a good 5 minutes: *We are full. We don't have time or resources for a horse in this condition, but then the message hit me: take him or he will die.*



I named him Spaniard. He is big, 17 hands. As skinny as he is, the tape measure showed he weighed 1100 pounds. We need to help him gain 200+ pounds, heal his wounds, and earn his trust for humans. One of our angel partners has offered additional food for him. A vet visited and assessed his heart and breathing functions are good, with little encouragement for his old injury. We intend to visit a vet clinic to get X-rays on that old wound hoping we can find ways to help him walk better and decrease swelling. If you want to meet him, brush him, keep him company, or more, you are invited.

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