



Compassion Ranch

Animals getting second chances for life inspiring character traits *compassion, patriotism, courage* aimed at *callings...*

To donors, volunteers, advocates, other friends--progress, plans, possibilities—September 30, 2023



Photos: Visitors from Auburn brought a picnic and helped with training and health care of the horses. Saddle donated for Hank to carry in the parade. State of Alabama Social Studies coordinator met Hank the Tank so he can tell teachers and he took 100 of our Veterans Day program cards for the social studies conference.

Progress

Animal News:

1. **Donations helped provide:** 1,600 pounds of feeds and 10,000 pounds hay, tack for Veterans Day parade, skilled labor for framing shelter for pony and donkeys, fuel for equipment to improve pastures....

Support--new:

2. **National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine** Gulf States Program sponsored signs to encourage recycling by visitors. Thanks to the **People's Justice Council** for inviting us as a partner.
3. **Janet Lord (GA):** sent a donation after our last progress report.
4. **Steve and Lynsee Vance:** riderless horse saddle and stand, plus more tack for Hank and the parade.
5. **Betsy Waller:** organized a workday of vet and horse care, plus made a new training halter for Lincoln.
6. **Dr. John Schumacher** (retired Auburn Vet School professor and surgeon) met each horse and advised.
7. **Liz Schumacher** (horse trainer and teacher) helped Lincoln to accept his halter and handling better.
8. **Tractor Supply in Montevallo:** donated "broken bags" of feed for horses, deer, chickens, plus cat litter.

Support--sustaining:

9. **Anonymous (Texas)** donates monthly for feed and supplements, plus sends horse and dog treats and toys.
10. **Nicole Baldrige/Baldrige Consulting (Michigan)** donates 2X monthly to help pay expenses.
11. **Kayla Daniel** donates monthly for dogs Charlie and Chipper aka Gipper.
12. **Carol Shauffhausen** donates canned cat food. We feed 60-90 cans per month to 12 cats in three locations.
13. **Caroline Uhl** (California) donates monthly in support of the cat she rescued, Tessee Chaton.
14. **Celeste Rogers** donates monthly to support three cats in our barn loft--Nat, Daggers, Scarlet.
15. **Kyle Crider** donates tech work on our web sites, pc, and equipment.
16. **Beverly Crider** donates work on photos and videos plus social media (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube).

Education and Community:

17. **We learned,** when we presented riderless horses in 2006 for the Veterans Day parade in Birmingham, that was the beginning of the tradition for America's first Veterans Day (1947). We honored General Hal Moore as our nominee selected for the National Veteran Award and remembered wife, Julie. Our Hank the Tank intends is approved as the caparisoned (riderless) horse November 11, the first time in Birmingham for a Military Working Equine from Arlington. Col. Bob (Retired) & Nancy Barefield lead Patriotism in Action.
18. **Dr. Blake Busbin** took 100 cards for social studies teachers to use in class and Veterans Day programs.

Plans & Possibilities: Opportunities to Give Treasure

(please look for one that fits your callings or for a friend who may be looking for us)

For Animals-Programs-Students-Public Services

Money for supplemental feeds for the animals is donated, though we seek to do more for them and people.

1. **Two-stall barn & feed room:** donkeys and ponies will have shelter in storms and winter. \$3000.
2. **Round pen:** exercise/train horses & teach students – movable gate panels, then build. \$3000.
3. **Hay:** required daily for Hank's diet, benefits all equines year-round, more for winter. \$500/mo.
4. **Student workers:** teens work 1-2 afternoons on animal & event areas, troughs, stalls ...\$1200.
5. **Sponsor an animal:** horse \$10/day; pony/donkey \$5 daily; dog/cat/goat \$1/day.
6. **Professional services needed** – delivered by people who care about animals and our mission:
 - ☆ **Animal caregiver:** lab work for fecal exams, treat with meds, trim, involve volunteers.
 - ☆ **Administrator:** receipts, income/expenses, taxes, email lists, operations, can add...
 - ☆ **Tree removal crew:** 1 big tree close to horses needs skilled crew, then more...
 - ☆ **Chain saw operator:** fallen trees/limbs to clear pastures for grass, trails, firewood...
7. **Truck to pull horse trailer:** Dodge Ram 2500 silver 1-7 years in good condition to transport horses safely to Veterans Day Parade and vet care, plus transport loads of hay (keep 2007 Ram on farm).

Donate Once or Monthly

www.CompassionRanch.org/Donate

Opportunities to Give Time

1. **Social Media:** share our posts with friends who value animal care and student development.
2. **Advocacy:** call/write potential donors, volunteers, journalists (most money received for feed and care comes from donors who learned of us from a friend advocating us or an article they read...).
3. **Horse exercise:** walk with Hank to prepare for the Veterans Day parade.
4. **Equine grooming:** grooming mane, coat, and tail as we trim hooves and/or take a walk, pics.
5. **Dog grooming:** brush or assist with baths, training, or play.

Have a calling or idea? I can help:

David / Dave / Dr. David Dyson, Doc@CompassionRanch.org

Web pages

Previous progress news: www.CompassionRanch.org/News

Donate to Sustain and Improve: www.CompassionRanch.org/Donate

IRS-approved Life Leaders America aka Life Leaders Institute & Ranch (501c3) provides 3 synergistic programs:

Compassion Ranch – Patriotism in Action – Planning & Personal Leadership
www.CompassionRanch.org - www.PatriotismInAction.us - www.LifeLeadersInstitute.org



Advocacy

Thanks for encouraging and telling others!

“...the work [they do] for suffering horses, and other animals...must make God happy!”

Rev. Dr. Gary Sallquist (Ohio)
advocating us to an animal lover friend