



# 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—October 15, 2023



**Photos:** Hank practices walking for the Veterans Day Parade with Steve Vance, Alabama National Guard, who leads our effort for caparisoned (riderless) horse tack—saddle, bridle, breast collar, boots backwards...

## Progress

### Animal News

1. **Hank:** preparing to be the riderless (caparisoned) horse in the National Veterans Day parade in Birmingham, the first cap horse from Arlington to live in Alabama and walk in the parade!
2. **Gipper aka Chipper (center photo):** getting neuter surgery tomorrow and exam. [www.CompassionRanch.org](http://www.CompassionRanch.org). TLC visitor welcome. [Doc@CompassionRanch.org](mailto:Doc@CompassionRanch.org)
3. **Horses** got another load of 8,000 pounds of hay. We are stacking temporarily in the yard/front paddock until the storage hangar is cleared more to have room for hay storage.
4. **Tessee Chaton** (young cat rescued in Chattanooga at 3 weeks, mom missing): getting spay surgery tomorrow. [www.CompassionRanch.org](http://www.CompassionRanch.org). TLC guest welcome.
5. **Lincoln:** better with PTSD (injured working in the Army and retired early)—doing better, less afraid, eating from hands, accepting halter for walks.
6. **Cody:** right eye seems to have healed (after emergency weekend vet visit and weeks of medication plus cleaning).
7. **Lady:** Memorial stone donated for her grave (our most senior dog passed this year).



### Support—New

1. **Bob and Nancy Barefield:** donated for spurs for Hank's tack in the Veterans Day parade.
2. **Steve and Lynsee Vance:** donated saddle and straps for Hank in the parade.
3. **Tractor Supply:** donated split bags of animal feed for animals and wildlife.

### Education-Community-Collaborations

4. **Alabama Dept of Education:** Dr. Blake Busbin distributed 100 of our cards to Social Studies teachers at the state conference. [www.VeteransDayFoundingEducation.us](http://www.VeteransDayFoundingEducation.us)
5. **National Academies of Sciences and People's Justice Council:** sponsored recycling signs for events at the ranch, plus directional signs and safety signs.
6. **The Old Guard, US Army:** advises us on Hank and Lincoln, adopted from them June 2023.
7. **Veterans Day Parade in Birmingham:** our Hank to walk in the parade as the riderless horse.

# Plans & Possibilities

## Opportunities to Give Time

Wherever you are:

1. **Social Media:** share news & posts with friends who value animal care and student development.
2. **Advocacy:** call/write/recommend to donors, volunteers, journalists. Someone is looking for us.
3. **Share info:** send our brochure (2 sheets) via email to friends who might want to know more.

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4. **TLC visit:** keep an animal in need company, such as Gipper, Tessee, or Lincoln.
5. **Horse exercise:** walk with Hank this month to prepare for the Veterans Day parade Nov. 11.
6. **Equine grooming:** grooming mane, coat, and tail as we trim hooves and/or take a walk, pics.
7. **Dog grooming:** brush or assist with grooming, training, or playing.

## Opportunities to Give Treasure

### Wish List Items for Animals-Programs-Students-Public Services

1. **Gipper:** neuter surgery, exam, meds this week. Est. /\$120.
2. **Tessee:** spay surgery, exam, meds. Est. \$100.
3. **Two-stall barn with feed room:** donkeys & ponies will have shelter in storms and winter. \$3900.
4. **Fall de-worming to cure and protect animals:** \$400.
5. **Hay:** required daily for Hank's diet, benefits all equines year-round, especially winter. \$500/mo.
6. **Student workers:** teens work 1-2 afternoons on animal & event areas, repairs... \$300/week.
7. **Sponsor food and care:** horse \$10/day; pony/donkey \$5 daily; dog/cat/goat \$1/day.
8. **Pallet forks for tractor:** off load and move up to 2,000 pounds of feed, hay, logs.... \$800-1000.
9. **Round pen:** 50' diameter, 7' high...exercise/train horses with student observation. \$3000.
10. **Farm gates:** flat panel like used decades ago: 10-12 feet wide. \$125 each used.
11. **Gravel** for washing and trimming stations next to barn: \$200.
12. **Professional services needed part-time** – delivered by people who care about our mission:
  - ☆ **Tree removal crew:** 1 big tree close to horses needs skilled crew, then more trees...
  - ☆ **Chain saw operator/s:** fallen trees/limbs to clear pastures for grass, trails, firewood...
  - ☆ **Animal caregiver:** treat with meds, trim, involve volunteers; bonus: lab work for fecal exams
  - ☆ **Administrator:** receipts, income/expenses, taxes, email lists, operations, can add...

## Donate Once or Monthly

[www.CompassionRanch.org/Donate](http://www.CompassionRanch.org/Donate)

*Have a calling or idea for working with us?*

I can help: David / Dave / Dr. David Dyson, [Doc@CompassionRanch.org](mailto:Doc@CompassionRanch.org)

## Web pages

**Previous progress news:** [www.CompassionRanch.org/News](http://www.CompassionRanch.org/News)

**Donate to Sustain and Improve:** [www.CompassionRanch.org/Donate](http://www.CompassionRanch.org/Donate)

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