



Compassion Ranch

*Animals getting second chances for life
inspiring character traits courage & compassion, patriotism & perseverance,
so more people will plan & lead our lives aimed at callings & choices.*



News & Progress December 16-31, 2023



New 2-Stall Barn for our small equines July, Honk, June, Jill. Now, every animal has shelter for winter!

We finally had shelter for every animal and felt full, but then we had a calling to adopt military working equines Hank and Lincoln. And, we took in Wounded Warrior because he seemed destined to die. So, our precious Shetland pony and three donkeys needed more shelter.

We built a two-stall barn in the orchard to use at feeding time and for the animals to use whenever they wish, such as harsh weather. We included feed troughs at a good height for a goat and a pig.



Donations December 16-31

Thanks to these friends for helping us feed and house the animals:

Anonymous from Texas

Steve and Pam Bryant

Alex Capra (for Teddy)

Cheryl Crider Clarke (for mom)

Nicole Baldrige (Michigan)

Martha Davis*

Tammey Elliott Pig Sanctuary

Dr. Gary & Diane Howard

Carol Schaffhausen

*Honoring a Friend and Animal Lover

Martha Davis donated in honor of our friend Lana Calhoun. Martha added, "She is one of kind." For our animals, Lana has donated for food and much more. *Most of what Lana does she likes to keep anonymous.* She has advised and helped me make decisions, even on names. She takes calls and is a kind voice when animals cross Rainbow Bridge. And, she persuaded her husband, Kris, to support our work! Lana and Kris live in Texas though they also care about animals in Alabama.

When you have read my words expressing value in advocating us to others even if you don't have extra time or treasure to get involved, Lana and Martha are part of the story. You see, Martha wrote to her friend Lana a sympathy card on the loss of her dog, Sophie, and included a note that she thought she would want to know about Compassion Ranch. Lana followed the advice, read our web site, and became an influencer of our ability to care for the animals.



Recent buggy for 1 Week of Animal Feed

Tractor Supply fulfills most orders for feeds and supplements. We took in 9 animals in 2023, up to 40.

Most of these are regular weekly purchases though we are moving away from sweet feed to one with less sugar. We tried an all-stock for the donkeys, goats, and pig, though have since invested in feeds made for each type – goat feed, pig feed, and equine feed for donkeys. So, sweet feed may be reduced to a dessert occasionally.

We spend over \$1,000 per month on feed, plus hay, medicine, labor, materials, equipment fuel, supplies....



Now, that's a smile! Alert: Pig Belly Rub! Name Change.

Our recent unplanned adoption of an abandoned mini pig aka pot-bellied pig seems to feel at home. Gaining trust to scratch the back inspired a roll over for a belly rub, which revealed, *Miss Piggy is a boy.* 😊 He seems to have had surgery to remove his “Christmas ornaments” so we had thought he was a she. Now, after receiving 20 name suggestions for a girl pig, it's time for a new one. Mr. Pig or Piggy work but we are trying “Wilbur” from Charlotte’s Web. He wants to stay alive and have friends.

We helped a 300 pound pig at risk of death get to a pig sanctuary. He is now called “Teddy.”

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Compassion Ranch launched officially in 2020 to provide for more animals as 1 of 3 programs of Life Leaders Institute & Ranch – established as nonprofit in 1992 & 501 (c)(3) since 2012--along with partner programs Patriotism in Action & Life Leadership.

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Your calling or idea: David / Dave / Dr. David Dyson / (205)422-6484



We Remember Col. Bob Barefield

We are inspired by the life of Bob Barefield, who was laid to rest in the Alabama National Cemetery. Bob served 20 years with Nancy as our chair of Patriotism in Action. He helped us start the riderless horse tradition in the National Veterans Day Parade hosted by Birmingham in 2006 and since. Bob coordinated Hank the Tank and me walking in the parade this year. Major Steve Vance helped me honor Bob at his burial. DDD



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