



# Compassion Ranch

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

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3 nonprofit programs of Life Leaders Institute: [CompassionRanch.org](http://CompassionRanch.org) - [PatriotismInAction.us](http://PatriotismInAction.us) - [LifeLeaders.us](http://LifeLeaders.us)

## News & Progress

Compassion Ranch, Patriotism in Action, Life Leaders  
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**Lancelot has recovered to health and happiness with food security and shelter!**



2020: rescued by Chilton County Sheriff Department.



2024: Lancelot after re-gaining 250-300 pounds.

Four years ago, the Chilton County Sheriff's Department and Deputy JO Oliver rescued this horse and another from near starvation and took them to Easterwood Equine Hospital. Two by Two Rescue sponsored the vet bill and asked us to use our land for their recovery. Vet staff weighed him at 650 pounds, and now we estimate his weight at 950 pounds (900-1,000)!

Lancelot is his new name given to him to match his courage, gentleman disposition, and regal look. He still loves to eat and to get groomed by visitors. He could be a great horse to sponsor and enjoy from afar or visit. His herd mate we re-named Braveheart, and we can share more of his inspiring story soon.



Lancelot, second from left, loves hay. The hay ring, donated so hay would last longer, wasting less, is moved around to places where we want to grow grass from seeds that fall to soil.

Left is Scarlett Baye, rescued 4 years ago by Two by Two Rescue and fostered by Amanda Parmley before coming to us.

Right is Patriot, who was well cared for though his human wanted him to have a good home when she became so senior in years she could not care for her large herd of Morgan horses.

If you want to help Lancelot or learn more: [www.CompassionRanch.org](http://www.CompassionRanch.org)



Frankie Feline on her favorite saddle.



Bird nest & eggs in a halter.



President of Veterans Day visited Hank.

## Hank and Wilbur



The horse is Hank the Tank, entrusted to us by The Old Guard of the US Army who serve Arlington National Cemetery with their full military honors funerals, the Tomb of the Unknowns, and more including programs at the White House for America's dignitaries and international guests. Hank was the caparisoned (riderless) horse for General Colin Powell's funeral.

Hank retired last year, and I had an inspired journey traveling to get him and bring him home as part of Compassion Ranch. His Alabama nickname is Tank. People who meet Hank usually say, "he's a tank."

Hank walked in America's First Veterans Day Parade hosted in Birmingham since 1947, the first riderless horse from Arlington.

The pig is Wilbur. He loves horses. He is lucky to be alive after wandering woods and pastures for months, somehow avoiding coyotes and dogs without fences, before he visited the horses of Compassion Ranch. He has a long story, and we are grateful he is alive and finally staying at home.

In this photo, I see a famous horse who does not know of his importance. Hank just loves people, animals, and purpose. Wilbur loves friends and hugs horses. He lives in our orchard and keeps our rescued Shetland Pony July company. July and Wilbur feed in the same stall each evening.

[www.CompassionRanch.org](http://www.CompassionRanch.org) (see Animals and Riderless Horses)

# Angels and Friends of our Animals and Programs

## Donate \$ Monthly

Anonymous (Texas)

Caroline Uhl (California)

Celeste Rodgers

*You are invited to join us monthly supporting needs such as hay, vet care, students cleaning stalls....  
Or, you may like to sponsor a particular animal such as expenses of \$1, \$5, or \$10 per day.*

*You can use PayPal or bank card--we hope to add Venmo as an option soon.*

[CompassionRanch.org/Donate](http://CompassionRanch.org/Donate) or [LifeLeadersInstitute.org/Donate](http://LifeLeadersInstitute.org/Donate)

Triple D Ranch & Farm donates land, buildings, and lots of labor – donations to Compassion Ranch pay for food, vet care, and students workers who help care for the animals.

## Donated \$ or Purchased Wish List Items Recently

Bill Abernathy (OK)

Arlene Konzem (MN)

Carol Schaffhausen

## Donated Goods or Volunteer Services Recently

Anonymous

Kyle/Beverly Crider

Triple D Ranch & Farm

## New to Advisors and Advocates

Dr. Doug Meckes (North Carolina), State Veterinarian retired (AU vet school grad): animal care.

## Samples of Recent Actions

1. Web pages improved: *Riderless horses...*
2. Triple D reinforced fence in the orchard and catio to keep Wilbur and Harley safer.
3. Mulching dead stumps and fallen trees to create more pasture and beauty.
4. 40+ solar lights added to posts for security and events, thus minimizing purchased electricity.
5. Emergency Caregivers Fund: paid to spay/neuter 5 dogs of a care giver unable to pay.

## Wish List Services Needed

- Ranch hand who can trim horses and help with land: 1/2 day per week or weekend.
- Volunteers to provide TLC for animals – groom or bathe.
- Roof installation for hay barn lean-to addition so we can store hay.

## Options if Inspired to Donate a Charitable Gift

- Barefield Flagpole & Patriotism in Action Garden: signs, flags...
- Sponsor a horse: about the cost of boarding and you can enjoy horses without having to buy one.
- Sponsor one or more of our dogs, cats, or smaller critters.
- Hank the Tank* cards and *Veterans Day Started in Alabama* cards printed for students, teachers....
- Caregivers Emergency Fund: spay, neuter, food, fencing.

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**Do you have a calling or idea or want to see our plans:**

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