



# Compassion Ranch

& Institute (animal care, patriotism, education, public service)

*Animals getting second chances and helping to inspire and develop people with character traits courage & compassion, patriotism & perseverance.*



## Progress News for August 2024

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1. Feed 44 animals daily and provide shelter.
2. Hay Storage & Garage: added 2,000 square feet of roof.
3. Four student workers: clean bowls, troughs, and spaces weekly.
4. Tiger: homeless cat getting food and shelter in orchard barn.
5. Panther: feral, is eating at our orchard barn.
6. Recycled a thousands of pounds of old metal gutters and rusted fence wire.
7. We will host soon two university classes focused on Animal Care, Environment, Sustainability.
8. We invited The Old Guard of the US Army at Arlington National Cemetery to send a cap walker to lead our riderless horse in the Veterans Day Parade November 11. This would be the first time a cap walker from Arlington has led a cap horse retired from Arlington in Birmingham, the oldest Veterans Day Parade in America. Hank (Alabama nickname Tank) walked in the parade last year.
9. The Governor's Committee developing updated course of study standards for social studies adopted our proposal to add teaching national history of Veterans Day starting in Alabama. Next year, if standards are approved, the focus will shift to resources to recommend to teachers. This milestone is significant because the best way for all Alabama citizens to know Veterans Day started in Alabama is to make teaching that history an annual standard in classes and events.
10. IRS nonprofit section (exempt organizations) approved our request to amend our legal name to Compassion Ranch and Institute. This will make it easier for animal lovers to find us online and donate to help the animals. We are on PayPal and Venmo with plans to add more.

FYI: our nonprofit started 30+ years ago as the Personal Leadership Association, teaching planning for life and personal leadership. After the September 11 attacks on America in 2001, we added Patriotism in Action and amended the IRS name to Life Leaders America aka Life Leaders Institute. We started helping Veterans Day, published two books, and started the riderless horse tradition in the Birmingham parade, plus adopted more animals. Compassion Ranch is our most popular program – 90+ % of donations seek to help animals and students.

**“Donors can deduct contributions they make to you....**

**You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, legacies, devices, transfers, or gifts....”**

Steven Martin, Director, Exempt Organizations, Internal Revenue Service

11. Helping teen mom keep her dog with surgery at Alabama Spay & Neuter Clinic.
12. Gabby, world class lap cat, adopted by Beverly and Kyle Crider.



Gabby has had hard times in her past, though has seized the opportunity to be a world class lap cat! Her human of years surrendered her because an infant suffers from allergies. Beverly and Kyle love cats, and have a few, though Bev wanted a lap cat.

Sometimes, animals we help do not live here for life though we get to try to help pet owners needing to surrender to match with a pet lover looking for that animal.



# Angels and Friends of our Animals and Programs

## Donate \$ Monthly or Recurring

- ☆ Anonymous animal lover (Texas): donates to purchase animal feed and supplies.
- ☆ Celeste Rodgers: supports 3 cats she surrendered for medical reasons--Daggers, Nat, Scarlet.
- ☆ Carol Schaffhausen: sends wet cat food and advises on cat care.
- ☆ Caroline Uhl (California): sponsors Tessee she rescued in Tennessee as a kitten and brought here.
- ☆ Triple D Ranch & Farm: donates land, tractors, trucks, shelters, equipment, most labor....

## Donated \$ Recently

- ☆ Caring Foundation of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama pledged a grant.
- ☆ Steve and Pam Bryant: helping Cody, Honk, Princess Katie and the farm.

## Provided Goods or Services Recently

- ☆ Anonymous donor in Texas sent us weight gain supplements to help senior horses keep weight.
- ☆ Anonymous member of Rocky Mount Church: advised on tractor, pallet forks, hay.
- ☆ Beverly Crider: creating an online store on Amazon for Compassion Ranch with shirts and more.
- ☆ Kyle Crider donates an hour+ weekly on website and technology, plus environmental advice.
- ☆ Ovie Patterson: volunteered to serve 100 hours this year, recently on our hay barn and fencing.
- ☆ Sandy & John Pegram: shared 20+ square bales of horse hay.
- ☆ Zach Ward, AFC Solar: advised and led on building the hangar addition with Ovie, Austin, Chris.



Thanks to [AFC Solar](#) for helping with design and leading on construction, donating services of four people to erect two roof extensions to protect hay for horses and equipment. These photos show two lean-to additions. Zach Ward, Ovie Powell, Austin Walker, and Chris Lloyd led on building, connecting the new roof to the steel structure of the hangar.

AFC does solar installations and other construction nationally. The Alabama office is led by Zach Ward. [www.AFCSolar.com](http://www.AFCSolar.com).

## Estimated Expenses Monthly--FYI

Trustee/director for animals, land, programs	\$0	Likely need to pay the next generation
Food: hay, feed pellets, supplements....	\$1500	
Vet exams, treatments, surgery, medicines	\$200-500	vet service per animal range \$50-1500
Students cleaning animal and common areas	\$1,000	4-6 students one afternoon / week
Shelter/fence building, repair, maintenance	\$400-1000	
Equipment: fuel, oil, repair, maintenance	\$200-400	load hay/feed/lumber, pasture care...

## Animals Needs Now

- Snow needs spay surgery. Est. \$100.
- Beau needs 6 month check up to finish treating heart worms. \$50-150.
- Tiger (homeless cat) needs neuter surgery, test for worms, food daily. \$100-150
- Panther (feral cat) need TNR spay surgery, treatments for worms. \$100-150.
- Horses, ponies, donkeys, pig, goat need hoofs trimmed more often. Farrier. \$250
- Horses and farm animals need hay now and stored to feed winter--\$3000.

# Vision and Possibilities with more Treasure

*Do any inspire you to donate time or treasure or learn of possibilities?*

## Animal Shelters, Facilities, and Services

- ❑ Fans for horses in Bryant Barn.
- ❑ Catwalks in Bryant Barn so homeless cats can climb above horses to eat and sleep.
- ❑ Catwalks in the North Barn so cats can eat and sleep above the horses with shelter.
- ❑ Wheelchair ramp to the porch and front door of the farmhouse.
- ❑ Barefield Flagpole & Patriotism in Action Garden: 7 signs, flags, solar lights.
- ❑ Student worker stipends—clean troughs/bowls for animals, prep for events, develop work ethic.
- ❑ Pavilion with covered arena for programs with students and horses, hay storage, solar panels....
- ❑ Lime and fertilizer to improve soil for pasture grass to increase food for horses...

## Animal Sponsorship of Food and Care

*Instead of buy and care for your own horse, sponsor and visit one of ours – we provide food, hay, water, shelter, daily care and feeding, cleaning of animal areas, vet diagnosis and surgeries...*

- ❑ Horse: \$10/day (similar to a typical boarding fee for grass and water, though our animals also have shelter – we also provide hay, supplemental feed, medicine, vet care, surgeries if needed...)
- ❑ Pony or donkey: \$5/day.
- ❑ Dog, cat, goat, pig: \$1 / day or \$30 recurring monthly.
- ❑ Help more caregivers with spay and neuter surgeries/vet care (est. \$100, sometimes only \$50).

## Equipment Needed to Work for Animals Better and Faster

- ❑ Horse trailer painted and serviced before the Veterans Day Parade.
- ❑ Truck for transporting horses to vet care, parade, events...(keep our old truck on the farm).
- ❑ Mini-ex for digging and deepening watering holes (small ponds) and prompt, respectful burials.
- ❑ Hay wagon for students and adults to take safe tours of land and animals pulled by tractor...

## Publications to Inspire Students and Support Patriots

- ❑ *Riderless Horse* cards: give to students, teachers, guests, example of honoring veterans...
- ❑ *Pledge of Allegiance* cards: for students and teachers to use, for us to hand out.
- ❑ *National Veterans Day Started in Alabama* cards for teachers & veteran program leaders.

## Sponsor Programs for Students, Families, Classes

- ❑ 1, 2, or 4 hour experiences designed to teach, inspire, create smiles for children, parents...\$100
- ❑ School/university class visit with program to help with academic and student development. \$250
- ❑ Students interested in animal care professions – community service, school project, internship...

## Donate Options – online, mail, estate

[CompassionRanch.org/Donate](http://CompassionRanch.org/Donate) or [LifeLeadersInstitute.org/Donate](http://LifeLeadersInstitute.org/Donate) (bank card or PayPal)  
supporting Compassionate care of animals, Patriotism in Action, Riderless Horse, Life Leadership...

## New in Venmo: CompassionRanchAndInstitute

Postal mail: Compassion Ranch; 354 County Road 33; Calera, Alabama 35040

*Estate plans: please consider adding Compassion Ranch animals or programs to benefit beyond your lifetime.*