



Compassion Ranch & Institute

Mission

To provide compassionate care of animals in sanctuary for life and help caregivers; student development focused on *life leadership* and *plan for life*; public service presenting our “riderless horse” from Arlington National Cemetery and teaching *Veterans Day Started in Alabama* history plus character traits *Courage, Patriotism, Courage*; and the *Pledge of Allegiance*.... 501c3 since 2012, nonprofit since 1992.



February 15-28

Progress & Plan Report to Partners & Friends

University of Montevallo students and Professor Kyle Crider on a field trip with us



Wounded Warrior, Thoroughbred, former racehorse, injured for life with an ankle break and excessive swelling that will not heal completely. Yet, he seems happy. He loves food, treats, visitors, TLC. He is the largest animal here, yet one of the least aggressive. He appears to be a blessing for this student, as she is for him. We named him in honor of disabled people and animals who strive to fulfill purposes.



Lincoln was afraid of most people when he arrived summer of 2023. He was retired from the US Army as “dangerous” because, in pain, he had become defiant about working and difficult to handle for most of the soldiers in The Old Guard at Arlington National Cemetery after he got injured pulling heavy caissons. PTSD. When I traveled to Fort Myer to pick him up, Sgt. Hardy handled him in his stall, and to calm Lincoln he had his brother, George, brought down from a nearby stall, which calmed him. Now, Lincoln has gained more peace, and he greets students, accepting horse treats!



Lancelot is smart and motivated about food. He was near starvation when rescued by the Sheriff’s Department and came to us in 2020. He followed closely the UM student who carried the bowl of carrots! The day of rescue, Lancelot weighed only 650 pounds and had a bad case of “rain rot” on his skin. He has regained hundreds of pounds and is one of the best-looking horses here, in addition to one of the kindest and playful.



Progress with Partners, Angels, and Friends

Treasure Donated Feb 15-28

☆ **Arlene and John Konzem (Minnesota):** support our work for students (they are retired teachers) and animals, especially seniors.

☆ **Lutavia Heaton:** donates in memory of a friend.



Donated Feeds, Supplies, Goods

- ☆ **Kyle and Beverly Crider:** donated meds and sprays in memory of Layla.
- ☆ **Col. (Ret) Sheri Jones:** donated de-wormer medicine for horses and visited with her mom and son. Mom, Donna, loves cats and brought food.
- ☆ **Carol Schaffhausen, our cat lady:** sent wet cat food! =>



Action

- ☆ **65 meals served daily** (1x all, 2x for 9 dogs & 10 cats at farmhouse).
- ☆ **Student work & projects:** help care for animals, develop work ethic.
- ☆ **Recycling:** metal, glass, plastic taken to recycling centers.
- ☆ **Repairs: pc crash** (Windows, virus...thanks to Jarvis and Keisha at Save My Cell for restoring some of what was lost), truck battery...

Invested Monthly

1. Trustee/program director/ranch hand	\$0	
2. Land lease: pastures, barns, farmhouse, tools...	\$0	
3. Equipment: trucks, tractors, trailers...	\$0	
4. Animal food: feeds, hay, supplements...	\$1,500	+ donated food
5. Vet care: exams, surgeries, treatments, medicines...	\$500	\$50-1,500 range
6. Students: clean troughs, bowls, spaces; projects	\$1,000-\$1500	4-5 students 4-5 hours/week
7. Other: repairs, improvements, supplies...	\$500-1,000	
Total Estimated	\$4,000+	

We can Improve with more Treasure & Time

Help Pay for Surgeries and Vet Care

- ❑ **Dogs (9):** test for heart worms and intestinal worms, increase treatments for worms and fleas.
- ❑ **Horses/equines/farm animals (18):** worms testing and treatment; exams seniors, Hank....

Help Pay for more Professional and Labor Services

- ❑ **Farrier:** trim hooves of equines (increase level of our care) – 1/2 day monthly.
- ❑ **Animal tech:** groom animals – brush, de-mat, bathe, help wounds, backup feeding.
- ❑ **Student stipends:** teens working weekly or after school, plus service projects with volunteers.
- ❑ **Land tech:** fallen trees, storm damage, stumps, logs...
- ❑ **Building & repair:** Fences, gates, and pole barn for 1 year of hay and covered events in rain...

Add Your Impact

- ❑ **Forward our Progress News:** to friends and family who value animals, students, public service.
- ❑ **Help people receive our News:** Name and email to Doc@CompassionRanch.org
- ❑ **See more photos and learn more** about purpose and programs: www.CompassionRanch.org
- ❑ **Sponsor an animal:** dog/cat: \$1 per day; pony \$5; horse \$10. www.CompassionRanch.org/Donate
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