



Compassion Ranch & Institute

Mission

1. Compassion Ranch: compassionate care of animals in sanctuary;
2. Life Leadership: student development focused on *life planning and leadership*, character traits *Courage, Patriotism, Compassion...*
3. Patriotism in Action: caring for 2 retired military equines from The Old Guard at Arlington National Cemetery and teaching *Veterans Day Started in Alabama history*, plus the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

1992 Personal Leadership; +2001 Patriotism in Action; +2020 Compassion Ranch.



October 2025 Progress & Plan

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America's Veterans Day Started In Alabama In 1947



November 11, 1946: General Dwight D. Eisenhower receives a program announcing *National Veterans Day 1947* to be presented in Birmingham and directed by Raymond Weeks



Patriotism in Action book cover: President Ronald Reagan honored Raymond Weeks with the Presidential Citizens Medal on national TV in 1982 as the "driving force" for establishing America's Veterans Day.

U.S. history: Birmingham, Alabama hosted the first national celebration honoring all veterans in 1947 and started America's National Veteran Award in 1954, the year President Eisenhower signed Veterans Day into law as a federal holiday. The U.S. Senate passed a resolution proposed by Patriotism In Action in 2012 recognizing Birmingham as "home to the first and longest running celebration of Veterans Day."

Alabama: a national leader organizing Veterans Day events and educational resources to honor veterans, celebrate freedom of liberty and rights, and teach character traits to build good citizenship.

Character traits and values to teach, learn, and use related to the national movement for Veterans Day

Patriotism - Courage - Perseverance - Loyalty - Citizenship

Freedom - Peace - Honor - Trust - Leadership

VeteransDayFoundingEducation.us • PatriotismInAction.us • NationalVeteransDay.org

Hank

Military Working Equine (MWE)
Arlington National Cemetery
Led by The Old Guard, US Army, Ft. Myer, VA

At the full military honors funeral for Gen. Colin Powell (USA Retired), Hank served as the caparisoned (riderless) horse, with boots backward signifying *this warrior will not ride again.*



A caparisoned (riderless) horse and soldier from the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) honor the late Gen. (ret.) Colin Powell during a special military funeral at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, in 2021. (U.S. Army photo by Elizabeth Fraser / Arlington National Cemetery)

Hank "The Tank"

US Army (Retired)

After 10 years of military service, Hank retired to Compassion Ranch in Alabama directed by Dr. David Dyson to inspire students and serve in the Patriotism in Action program led by Col. (Retired) Bob Barefield.



Hank the Tank is the first riderless horse from The Old Guard and Arlington Cemetery to walk in the Birmingham Parade.

www.CompassionRanch.org
www.PatriotismInAction.us

Poster at VeteransDayFoundingEducation.us

See this card and more at PatriotismInAction.us



Progress in October

Treasure Donated for Food and Students

A Home for Every Horse: donated coupons for animal feed by Purina.
Anonymous (Texas): sends a check monthly to help feed animals.
Anonymous (friend of Anna Nall): donates "In Loving Memory of Anna."
Joyce Cochran: donated for **Garfield** and patriotic materials we publish.
John Decker (Georgia): donation paid for a week of hay and students...
Dawn Dixon: sent food for **Annie** to help her with allergies affecting her eyes and skin.
David Dyson: donates use of the farm, work as trustee & ranch hand, and expenses over budget.
Timothy and Mindy Mattie: donated large cans of cat food.
Ovie Powell & Katelyn Bean (with Scarlet): provided materials to seal roofs.
Celeste Rodgers: donates for 3 cats **Daggers, Nat, Scarlet.**
Caroline Uhl (California): donates for **Tessee.**



You are invited to partner – monthly – for animals, students...

You can donate securely online using PayPal, Venmo, or bank card

CompassionRanch.org/Donate

(PayPal reduces their fee to 49 cents + 1.99% because charitable organization)

or mail: [Compassion Ranch / 354 County Road 33; Calera, Alabama 35040.](mailto:CompassionRanch@CompassionRanch.org)

We can provide a list of our goals and a receipt for your donation. How can we earn your trust?

Time Donated

Preston Hard: visited and helping to get building materials for horses.
Cheyenne Parker: pre-vet college student helps groom dogs plus helps feed horses to gain experience.
Mike Powell: advises on hay, grass, and equipment, plus delivered hay.
Phoebe Jackson: visited with Jim and fed treats to equines, plus advocated us to friends.



Compassion Ranch Animals

Ripley: our most recent adoption plays almost nonstop with our other youngest, **Snow.**
Night: after 15 years as our senior cat passed in her sleep. She is survived by 2 children.
4 Horses from Mobile need us: students helped us build pasture fence around 5 acres.
Daisy the Duck: canopy installed next to pond with hay for warmth plus protection.

Life Leadership

Students: 6 home school teens work 4-5 hours per week helping with chores & projects. Each has a job to help animals and gets paid to help with their sports, music, and personal needs. We guide and coach.

Patriotism in Action

Cards: *Riderless Horse, Veterans Day Started in Alabama, Pledge of Allegiance.*

Web page for *Veterans Day Started in Alabama* (free resources and teacher info):

www.VeteransDayFoundingEducation.us

Land Improved to serve Animals and People

- ✓ **5 acres pasture fenced:** dug post holes and installed wood posts and rails to add fence around 5 acres for 4 Arabian horses needing home, requested by 82 year-old caregiver in Mobile.



5 acres fenced pasture built for 4 horses on wait list needing us this fall

- ✓ **Barn:** working on building 4 stalls and feed room.
- ✓ **New Ranch entrance:** interior gates added 70' from road so bus or delivery trailer or large equipment can pull in off the road safely. Cleared dead trees and old rusted fence wire.
- ✓ **Spring-fed pond:** dug to release spring water to fill new pond for horses and people to enjoy. Installed a pipe in the dam so water can flow to the this small pond and on to the water ditch to the upper pond (even with little rain, the pond water level is staying full while other down).



Land use (free lease) donated by Triple D Ranch & Farm



Mission

To provide land, facilities, equipment, and lots of labor for Compassion Ranch and Institute animals, students, and programs.

(Donations to Compassion Ranch pay for feed, care, students...)

The animals love food and care provided by partners.

If your mission matches ours (page 3--see a few priorities)

CompassionRanch.org/Donate

Partners Needed to turn Possibilities into Plans

Do any inspire you to share treasure or time?



- ❑ **4 Arabian horses in Mobile need home.** We have spent \$10,000 and much time building a pasture and now spending \$10,000 more on their shelter, a barn with 4 stalls, feed room... Donations help build. Ongoing sponsorship of feed, vet care, farrier trims invited. Details can be sent.
- ❑ **2 military working equines retired from Arlington National Cemetery need us,** invited by Green Beret veteran with cancer. **Care to help with fence around 5 acres or a barn with stalls?**
- ❑ **50 +/- animals** (equines, dogs, cats, goat, pig, duck) need food, shelter, daily care – **sponsor one?**

Students and Part-time Services Needed

- ❑ **Carpenter:** lead to build shelters, fences, stalls, repairs from damage...with students, volunteer....
- ❑ **Student stipends:** teens help care for animals and spaces, plus chores and projects, develop work ethic.
- ❑ **Healthcare:** fecal exams and treatments, heartworm checks/treatments. **Farrier:** trim hooves more often and better – 4 need extra care. **Groomer:** brush, bathe, trim nails, treat fleas, flies...
- ❑ **Webmaster and tech support:** 1-2 hours weekly to guide on web sites, software, phone, pc...

Foundation, Corporation, or Student Project? Need community service hours? Pasture? Grooming? Building?

Report of Average Spending Monthly

1. Trustee/ranch hand/program director...	\$0	Donated 7 days per week
2. Bryant Barn, Hangar, Orchard Barn, North Barn...	\$0	Donated
3. Equipment: trucks, tractors, trailers...	\$0	Donated
4. Animal food: grains/pellets, hay, canned...	\$1,500	Purchased & Donated
5. Animal surgeries, treatments, grooming ...	\$200	\$50-1,500 range
6. Students: cleaning stalls, troughs, bowls, projects	\$1,200	6 students 4-5 hours/week
7. Building & repairs (carpentry, mechanical)	<u>\$1,000</u>	+ donated labor
	<u>\$4,000+/mo.</u>	

Your Impact Options

1. **Forward our News:** to friends and family who value animals, students, educational programs.
2. **Sponsor an animal:** dog/cat/duck/pig/goat \$1/day: pony/donkey \$5/day; horse: \$10/day – donate monthly to boost security and sustainability:

www.CompassionRanch.org/Donate

Mail: 354 County Road 33; Calera, Alabama 35040.

3. **Visit / volunteer:** Doc@CompassionRanch.org (comment, request a call, get info...).

Our vision and concept: people who care about animals, students, or public service donate treasure so we as volunteers and ranch hands can serve as "boots on the ground" feeding, caring, improving.

Sharing through your will can provide legacy and sustain the next generation.

Compassion Ranch and Institute is a 501c3 nonprofit approved for charitable donations.

3 programs: Personal Leadership (1992-); Patriotism in Action (2001-); Compassion Ranch (2020-).

Animals of Compassion Ranch + 6 horses on waitlist

Name: year joining us (year of birth known or estimated)

Horses=13

Patriot (Anakus Flynn): 2007 (2001)
Star of the Bar: 2007 (2003)
Indy (Indian Legend): 2008 (2008)
Princess (Katie Bryant): 2017 (2007)
Spirit: 2019 (2017)
Storm: 2019 (2018)
Scarlett (Baye): 2019 (2014)
Lancelot: 2020 (2008)
Braveheart: 2020 (2015)

Wounded: 2022
(2012)

Hank the Tank:
2023 (2007)
Lincoln: 2023
(2010)

Cinnamon: 2025 (1997)

RIP since 2017: Cocoa, Cody, Crockett



Shetland Pony=1

July: 2020 (1997)

Donkeys=2

June (Granny): 2010 (1995)
Jill: 2010 (2010)

RIP Apache: circa 1965

RIP: Jenny, Honk since 2010



Farm Animals=3

Goat=1

Bendi: 2022 (2018)

Pig=1

Wilbur: 2024 (2020)

Duck=1

Daisy: 2025 (2024)

RIP: Johnny, Billy



Dogs=9

Chief: 2018 (2015)
Annie Oakley: 2020 (2015)
Cowboy: 2020 (2015)
Charlie (Sir Charles): 2023 (2018)
Gipper: 2023 (2018)
Beau (Snow Man): 2024 (2020)

Teddy: 2024 (2014)

Snow: 2024 (2023)

Ripley: 2025 (2025)

We miss since 2007: Samson, Sarah,
Sheba, Buck, Rambo, Cowgirl,
Ladybug, Triple D



Cats=14 in residence plus homeless

Midnight: 2012 (2012)
Diamond 2012 (2012)
Angel: 2012 (2012)
Tux: 2012 (2012)
Stormy Magic: 2021 (2021)
Tabitha Socks: 2021 (2021)
Tesse Chaton: 2022 (2021)
Daggers: 2023 (2012)
Nat: 2023 (2012)

Frankie Feline: 2023 (2019)

Snowflake: 2024 (2024)

Tiger: 2024 (2020)

Garfield: 2025 (2023)

Homeless at Bryant Barn

Homeless at Hangar

Homeless at Orchard Barn

Homeless at North Barn

RIP: Starcat, Bella, Panther, Night, Harley



Success Story Reminders

You can help provide second chances and inspire students!



Garfield



Ripley meets Chief



Snowflake

Garfield adopted. Neuter surgery. Learned he has Feline Leukemia Virus. Inside and likes the dogs. 😊
Ripley at 8 months had to leave her second home aiming for a shelter and possible euthanasia.
Snowflake found our porch last year at ½ pound, alone, crying for food, shelter, and to be held.



Storm, Spirit, Braveheart enjoy their barn in the North Pasture.
Storm and Spirit were in a winter field without hay. Braveheart was rescued near death by deputies.



Hank the Tank from Arlington.



Lancelot rescued by deputies and now with Compassion Ranch.

Lancelot was rescued from near death by deputies, weighed by vet clinic at 650 pounds, now healthy and happy at 900-1,000 pounds and a favorite when guests visit.

You can help animals to enjoy more security in sanctuary
www.CompassionRanch.org

