



Compassion Ranch & Institute

Mission

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



Progress February 1-28

New Photos & Story / Progress & People / Plans & Possibilities / Land / Impact Options / Photos

Meet Major

Major Calhoun



Abandoned in January, this puppy found Ramona's farm in Jemison. She fed him and provided shelter, then called us. We felt "full" (50 animals, 9 dogs) though meeting him inspired a solution. He can protect our farm animals in the orchard paddock, with shelter in the greenhouse with bedding, heat when needed, plus access to the back yard. We added an XL dog door. We have not had attacks on our pig or goat by predators such as coyotes though now they are safer. Major prefers outdoors.

His Life Starting at Compassion Ranch



Major visited often to learn Ripley and other dogs, farm animals, and spaces to assess if we could take good care of him and if he fit our mission. His first night here was yesterday, Feb. 27.

We named him *Major* as a protector in honor of our friend *Major Calhoun*. He is assessed by our canine vet as Anatolian Shepherd (or breed originating from Turkey or Central Asia), 1.5 years old, 111 pounds, healthy, friendly. He had no chip. Major received vet care February 17 for neuter surgery, treatment for worms, and rabies prevention. He stayed with his foster during recovery. He has a new collar and ID tag, microchip--and a GPS tracker on the way donated by Petivity (Purina) for his safety just in case he gets beyond the fence. The greenhouse is in the garden, which connects to the backyard and Pet Pen with Ripley (Pyrenees-Rottweiler), 1+ year old, spayed). We will work toward conditioning Major and Ripley to live with animals in the orchard paddock, adding protection for the smaller ones.

We funded Major's surgery, fecal exam, de-worming, tag, collar. We have a pledge for \$30/month for food, so he needs a co-sponsor to donate for another 40 pounds of Large Breed Purina feed (cost=\$61+tax) monthly.

2/28/2026 Invite friends and foundations to receive news: Doc@CompassionRanch.org / www.CompassionRanch.org

Progress and People

Treasure Donated

Partners Who Donate Monthly or Often:

Anonymous (Texas): mails a check monthly to help buy feeds and sends dog and horse “cookies.”

Anonymous (friend of Anna Nall): donates “In Loving Memory of Anna.”

Frances Bryant Construction: donated scaffolds we are using in the Hangar to organize lumber.

Joyce Cochran: “use this check where you see the need.”

Martha Davis: helped us buy tag, collar, and more for Major, in honor of Major Lana Calhoun.

John Decker: new sponsor of Indy aka Indian Legend to help provide food and care.

Dawn Dixon: donates broth to feed Annie, Teddy, dogs who have allergies or skin conditions.

David Dyson: donates use of land, equipment, facilities, work as trustee-ranch hand, \$ needed.

Angela Hall and her brother, James Hall: donated 10 rolls of hay, picnic table, and horse tack.

Lutavia Heaton: donates for “most pressing need.”

Teresa Hamn: provided a dog crate for Major.

Ramona Price: donated for vet care for Major, plus a bag of food.

Purina: sending 2 GPS trackers for Chief and Major, plus one month subscription to **Petivity**.

Celeste Rodgers: sponsors food for 3 cats **Daggers, Nat, Scarlet**.

Caroline Uhl (Arizona): sponsors **Tessee** (rescued in Tennessee as a kitten).

Carol Schauffhausen: sends cans of wet cat food and advises on cat care, adds donations.



You can give in honor or memory of someone – once, monthly, through will.

Most partners use the web site, PayPal, Venmo, bank autopay, or postal mail to 354 CR 33, Calera 35040.

Time Donated

Diamond Dodson: groomed most of the horses and dogs (assisted by Braxton, age 9).

Teresa Hamn: helped us host Major and helped with cleaning.

Stanford Hornsby: instructor with Homewood Police, coached me to shoot a Glock 17 pistol.

Mike Powell: delivers hay, advises on equipment, plus hosted pistol practice.

Compassion Ranch Animals Progress

- ✓ Ripley: spay surgery, tag, rabies protection (no worms!).
- ✓ Major: neuter surgery, worm treatment, rabies protection, worm exam and treatment, collar, tag....
- ✓ Ranch increased to 50 animals needing food, shelter, care.
- ✓ Hay: 12,000+ pounds purchased. Donations helped.
- ✓ Supplemental feeds for horses, dogs, cats: 2,000 pounds. Donations helped.
- ✓ Arabian horses: finished barn first phase with stalls, feed room, extension with roof over hay....

Life Leadership

- ✓ **6 teens** work 4-5 hours per week helping with chores and projects. Each has a job that helps animals and gets paid to earn for their activities such as sports, music, dance, and personal items.
- ✓ **Students** visit with parents to meet and learn of horses and other animals.

Patriotism in Action

- ✓ **Cards 4x6”:** *Riderless Horse, Veterans Day Started in Alabama, Pledge of Allegiance* published.
- ✓ **Web page** (free resources for teachers and patriots): www.PatriotismInAction.us and www.VeteransDayFoundingEducation.us

Land Improved by Triple D Ranch to serve Animals and People



Arabian Barn

- Phase 1 completed: 4 stalls (for Lanny, Pip, Princess Hyla, Tatriz), feed room, porch, hay shed...with 2,000 feet of fence.

Bryant Barn:

- Hank's stall wall repaired put back on foundation and strengthened with sakrete.
- Lincoln's gate: re-set and secured with sakrete.
- Wounded's pen: re-built gate after tree damage, repaired broken rail, trough.
- Lancelot's stall roof: framing and metal roofing replaced after tree damage.

Hangar (storage barn):

- Scaffolds erected under the loft to store lumber to use.

Farmhouse:

- Back porch rotten wood and bench repaired.
- Window to cat porch replaced.

Pet Pen:

- Replaced rotten 2x4.

Garden:

- Gate repaired replacing rotten post.

Orchard:

- Barn feed room door painted red.
- Water leak repaired.

North Pasture Barn:

- Feed room door painted red.

Entrance iron gate:

- Damaged by a hit and run driver repaired.



Possible Housing Here to Add Caregivers and Funding

We have interest in more like-minded people spending more time here--to visit and/or to live and help here. People who match may enjoy land and animals with more peace and less cost.

Request a call for info or share your idea: Doc@CompassionRanch.org

Lease for land and equipment donated by Triple D Ranch & Farm.

Donations to Compassion Ranch (501 c3) pay for feeds, care, students, services....



Mission: To provide land, facilities, and labor for Compassion Ranch and Institute animals, students, and programs.

Partners Needed to turn Possibilities into Plans



- ❑ **Retired Military Working Equines (2) from Arlington National Cemetery need to come here.** They carried a green beret to his grave. His fellow soldier adopted them, then learned he has cancer. They were at Arlington with Hank and Lincoln!
- ❑ **50 animals** need food, shelter/repairs/utilities, labor, health care.

Suggested Sponsorships

- ❑ **\$1/day cat (\$30/month):** daily feed dry & wet food, water; heat lamps or fans; clean...
- ❑ **\$2/day dog, pig, goat (\$50-70+/mo):** dry/wet food, water, groom, health care, supplies...
- ❑ **\$3/day pony or donkey (\$75-100/mo):** senior feed, grain, hay, salt, water, vet, clean...
- ❑ **\$5/day horse (\$150-300+/mo):** grass, hay, 2 feeds, water, salt, fence repair, shelter, health care, cleaning stalls/spaces, trim, groom, meds, supplies, lights/fans...). Hank gets his own low sugar/carb feed. Lanny had 2 front teeth pulled and needs extra feed (damp).

Boarding fees for pasture plus shelter & care often average \$300-\$500. Our costs are less because of no salary for manager and no mortgage payment though we do more for students, education, and public service.

Recurring Funding Needed

- ❑ **Student stipends:** sponsor teens to help care for animals and spaces, develop work ethic.
- ❑ **Carpenter:** lead to build shelters, fences, repairs....
- ❑ **Farrier:** trim hooves more often and better.

Items Needed you may have and no longer need and could donate or trade or sell

- ❑ **Horse water trough.**
- ❑ **Saddle stands** to display saddles and support kids to sit.
- ❑ **Farm gates** 10' or larger.
- ❑ **Backhoe or excavator** that can lift 1,500 pounds and dig 6+ feet.

Volunteer Opportunities

- ❑ **Vet retired:** dedicated to visit a few hours monthly/quarterly to help improve health care.
- ❑ **Vet tech:** fecal exams, treatments for worms, fleas...Saturdays, monthly, or quarterly.
- ❑ **Web and tech:** 1-2 hours weekly--post newsletters to web site, advise and assist with tech.
- ❑ **Land clearance and labor:** limbs on ground to stumps or bonfires to improve pastures/grass.

Spending Monthly Supported by Partners & Donors

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| 1. Trustee/director/top hand/purchasing/programs... | \$0 | Donated |
| 2. Land and barns | \$0 | Donated, free lease |
| 3. Equipment: trucks, tractors, trailers... | \$0 | Donated, free lease |

Partners and Donors Needed to Sustain/Improve

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| 4. Animal food: grains, pellets, hay... | \$2,000 | |
| 5. Animal surgeries, treatments, trims, groom, care | \$400 | range \$100-1,600 |
| 6. Students (6): clean stalls/spaces, recycling, improvements | \$1,200 | range \$800-1,500 |
| 7. Building & repairs (carpentry, mechanical...) | <u>\$1,200</u> | range \$600-1,600 |

\$4,000+/mo. (next generation may need \$10,000+)



You can help animals and students.

[] *Now* [] *Monthly Recurring* [] *Legacy/will*
[] *honor* [] *memory* (tell honoree in comments with donation)



Mail/ Autopay / Shipping

Compassion Ranch

354 County Road 33; Calera, Alabama 35040

Some prefer to ship food or supplies through WalMart, Chewy, Amazon, Tractor Supply....

Online

www.CompassionRanch.org/Donate

Our donors typically use PayPal, Venmo, or postal mail on their own or bank auto pay.

PayPal approved us as a nonprofit so fees reduced to 49 cents + 1.99%.

Options for Your Impact

1. [Donate for an animal or where the need is greatest.](#)
2. [Partner by](#) sponsoring animals monthly \$1 or more per day... to boost security and sustainability.
3. [Visit/see](#) what you are supporting and possibilities to improve.
4. [Forward our info & advocate us:](#) friends, foundations...looking for a mission like ours.
5. [Add our program to your will](#) to leave a legacy for animals and/or students.
6. [Request a call](#) or comment...: Doc@CompassionRanch.org
7. [Request](#) the latest edition of our docs to inform you of actions and intentions, plus options:
 Brochure (pics, summary info) Progress news Mission & Goals Annual Report of Actions
 Arlington horses pasture and shelter plan Old Hog Barn Repurpose for Animal Care

Our Vision for Multiplying Our Care

People who care about animals, students, and/or public service donate treasure so we can do the work planning, purchasing, feeding, caring, building, improving....

*We seek to **earn your trust** as a program you want to support and advocate.*

Compassion



Ranch

CompassionRanch.org
Partnered with Triple D Ranch & Farm

If you prefer sending food instead of money to pay for food:

- Purina Senior Feed (formulated nutrition, plus softer for senior teeth)
- Purina Omelene 100 (natural grains)
- Purina Strategy (popular for many horses not yet seniors)
- Purina One for Large Breed Dogs or Purina Skin and Coat
- Purina One Skin and Coat for Cats

FYI: we also buy low carb feed for Hank (Enrich) and feed for pig and goat.

[WalMart](#) delivers most dog and cat food, plus supplies.

[Chewy](#) delivers our equine and farm animal feeds. Their process does not provide us email of who donates so please notify us so we can look for your donation and inform how we use your gift.

Delivery address: 354 County Road 33; Calera, AL 35040

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

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

Extra Photos of Animals and People

*We love people to visit to meet the animals
and it's a bonus when volunteers help us do a better job.*



Does your Foundation, Corporation, or Group have a program or goal to provide community service volunteerism or grants you could fulfill with us?

We can provide opportunities to help animals and students, create public goodwill, and self-satisfaction for doing good work for a good purpose, likely with increased loyalty to an organization who supports good causes. We have goals to increase grooming, clearing pasture limbs to bonfires, increasing work for students, and education programs. We can send our goals for you to review to assess if any match your mission and goals.