



Compassion Ranch & Institute

Photos-Progress-People-Plan News / Edited by Dr. David Dyson, Trustee

Mission

1. **Compassion Ranch** (2008/2020-): care of animals, student development, education.
2. **Patriotism in Action** (2001-): teach *Veterans Day Started in Alabama*, *Pledge of Allegiance*, plus care for retired military equines from The US Army at Arlington National Cemetery;
3. **Life Leadership** (1991-): personal leadership, plan for life, student development, character traits *Courage, Compassion, Patriotism, Perseverance*, more mandated in Alabama schools.



Progress April 1-30

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Spring Open House



Auburn University Vet Fest

Mission: add joy, education, inspiration donating educational cards and AU toys.



Dr. Brandi Brunson, Vet Fest chair. Volunteers: Denson Lipscomb, Michael and Betsy Waller, and David Mattie. United Pet Care (OH) and Dr. Zeke Zekoff (AU Vet Grad) donated AU dolls and chew toys. Bottom right pic: advisors for our animals and programs Dr. Doug Meckes (North Carolina) Mr. Michael Waller (Auburn, right) with Dr. David Dyson (center).

Riderless aka "Cap" Horse Hank the Tank in Alabama



Hank the Tank was the first horse from The Old Guard at Arlington to walk in the USA's oldest Veterans Day Parade hosted in Birmingham since 1947. Hank and Lincoln retired from the US Army in 2023 to the care of Dr. David Dyson and Compassion Ranch hosted at Triple D Ranch & Farm in Alabama.
CompassionRanch.org PatriotismInAction.us

The U.S. Pledge of Allegiance



Boy at Veterans Day Parade Birmingham

Our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy. The American Legion and Daughters of the American Revolution recommended changes in the 1920s, and the Pledge has been revised with the last change coming on Flag Day 1954 when Congress passed legislation adding the words "under God." President Eisenhower signed the Pledge and Veterans Day into law in 1954.

See the words and meaning other side.



In Daddy's Honor



Patriotism in Action of Compassion Ranch and Institute
www.PatriotismInAction.us www.CompassionRanch.org



Extra Photos of Animals and People on the Ranch

Animal lovers can visit to meet, groom or give TLC, or just enjoy the view and experience.





Progress and People

Treasure Donated

Alabama Power Foundation and Priscilla Daly donated printing for educational cards distributed at Auburn University Vet Fest and more this year for students, teachers, and patriots.

Anonymous: visitors to our table at AU Vet Fest gave \$60 cash to support through volunteers helping.

Deirdre Bruce: donated via PayPal.

Pam and Steve Bryant: small white table on the porch of the barn housing Arabians.

Temple Wells presented ornaments for our pig and a horse, plus plates we can use.

Partners Who Donate Monthly or Often

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

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

Donna Berry & Mike Fowler (Moody) visited, loved on horses, took supplies to rescues, and donated.

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

John Decker: co-sponsors Indy (Indian Legend) to help with feed and care.

Dawn Dixon: broth to add to feed for dogs with allergies or skin conditions--Annie, Teddy...

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

Lutavia Heaton: "most pressing need."

Ramona Price: dog food for Major, chew toys and peanut butter he and Ripley love, care of Bendi.

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

Caroline Uhl (Arizona): sponsors food for Tessee (rescued in Tennessee as an abandoned kitten).

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

Time Donated

Donna Berry & Mike Fowler: transported pet pads, cat water bowls...from us to Pell City Animal Control and Full Circle Rescue and Sanctuary, plus Cowboy Up Animal Rescue.

Steve Bryant: drove hayrides with the 1949 Farmall used by his grandfather to serve event guests.

Priscilla Daly: hosted a lunch meeting here with Alabama Power Foundation team members.

Diamond Dodson: groomed horses & dogs while I traveled to AU Vet Fest, assisted by Braxton.

Denson Lipscomb: helped give AU toys to children and fans at Auburn University Vet Fest.

David Mattie: traveled to help distribute toys and materials at Vet Fest, plus helped Open House.

Dr. Doug Meckes: advising us on pasture plans and diet for Hank the Tank.

Ovie Powell and Katelyn Ayres: helped with our Open House.

Ramona Price: visits Major weekly to feed and groom him; plus she gave Bendi a home with goats.

George Walker: replaced a battery terminal on the Ford tractor and helped pull our tractor from a bog.

Betsy Waller helped give AU toys to children and fans at Auburn University Vet Fest.

Michael Waller helped give AU toys to children and fans at AU Vet Fest.

Compassion Ranch Program

Best In Alabama notified us, we were nominated among Animal Rescues and Shelters (voting ends April 30) and should know results by summer.

Life Leadership Program

6 teens work 4-5 hours most weeks helping with chores and projects. Each has a job description to help care for animals and spaces. They get paid to earn for activities and needs.

Patriotism in Action Program

Cards 4"x6": 1) Riderless Horse, 2) Veterans Day Started in Alabama, 3) Pledge of Allegiance.

Web pages: www.PatriotismInAction.us & www.VeteransDayFoundingEducation.us



Land Improved by Triple D Ranch to serve Animals and People

Barn and Pasture used by Arabian Horses:

- ☆ Pond deepened aiming to provide natural water at least seasonally.
- ☆ Started digging a new watering hole to provide spring water..

Bryant Barn:

- ☆ Cleaned stalls, troughs weekly.

Hangar (storage barn):

- ☆ Stocked donated supplies to share with shelters and caregivers.
- ☆ Insulation ceiling repaired.

Orchard Barn and Pasture:

- ☆ Fence fortified to help keep Wilbur safe.
- ☆ Sakrete added under gate from Orchard to Roadside Orchard.

North Barn & Pasture:

- ☆ Burning rotten wood off fence removed to recycle the metal.

Ranch Entrance:

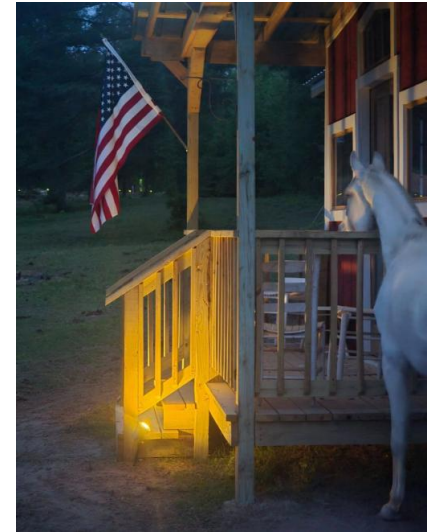
- ☆ US Flags added to both gate posts.=>
- ☆ Fence posts and rails added to right side.
- ☆ Gate Posts installed 15' from the county road (double 6x6")
- ☆ Stumps burned and cut in the fence line to clear for new fence.

Lower Pond:

- ☆ Cleared more invasive saplings off the island so you can enjoy the bench and table.

Farmhouse, Front Corral, Homestead Entrance:

- ☆ Fire pit for picnic table cleaned.
- ☆ Back yard fire pit wood pile stacked for use by guests and dogs.
- ☆ Front corral/yard: grass cut, weed eat, limbs and sticks.



Equipment

Vehicles

- ☆ Ram 3500 truck: brake filter & fluid, air in tires for AU trip. Magnet signs.
- ☆ Horse trailer: added holders xl US Flag display, spare tire rack repaired.
- ☆ Kubota Tractor: replaced hydraulic filters and fluid.
- ☆ Ford tractor: replaced damaged battery terminal to crank better.
- ☆ Car: battery re-charged to travel for supplies and fuel.



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

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

Donations to www.CompassionRanch.org/Donate pay for animal feed and care, students, and services to programs...

Partners Needed to turn Possibilities into Plans

Menu: you are invited to look for at least one action we can take together.



- ❑ [2 Retired Military Working Equines need to come here](#) after we build fence and shelter.

These horses helped pull a caisson (wagon) carrying a green beret to his grave [at Arlington National Cemetery](#). A fellow soldier (after 8 deployments) adopted them in honor of his friend. Now he has cancer and seeks a caring lifetime home for [Reuben and Rowdy](#).

[We can provide land, though to prepare for them, we need materials and funding](#) to build fence and shelter, transport from Virginia to Alabama, then food and care. We can inspire more students and patriots plus Advance Alabama for housing these national treasures (along with [Hank and Lincoln](#)).

Perhaps you are inspired to help this veteran or these horses or you *likely know at least one action-oriented* [[\]foundation](#) [[\]veteran organization](#) [[\]patriot](#) [[\]company](#) and introduce us.

Recurring Funding Needed Via Sponsorships, Donations, or Grants

- ❑ [50 animals](#): food, shelter/repairs/utilities, labor, health/vet care, hoof/grooming
- ❑ [Rainbow Bridge Watch List](#): extra TLC for seniors, same day burials...
- ❑ [Student workers](#): sponsor teens to help clean troughs, bowls, spaces, prep events....
- ❑ [Carpenter](#): build and repair barns, stalls, gates, fences, vehicle repairs....

Items Needed you may no longer need or could donate/get receipt

- ❑ [Water troughs](#): for horses.
- ❑ [Saddle stands](#) (wood or metal) to support kids/guests to sit on saddles during programs.
- ❑ [Building materials](#): 2x6" x10' treated pine, 5" x8' wood posts....
- ❑ [Sprayer for pasture](#) weeds and grass treatments plus soil enhancement so we improve grass.
- ❑ [Farm gates](#) for hay storage sheds, access to pastures--10', 12'....

Volunteer and Community Service Project Opportunities

- ❑ [Advocate](#): share our info/goals with people who want to support animals and students.
- ❑ [Veterinarian](#): dedicated to animals in nonprofits- to advise and assist.
- ❑ [Vet tech](#): advise and assist guiding on treatments for worms, fleas, flies...
- ❑ [Farrier](#): trim and touch up hooves (barefoot, no shoes needed).
- ❑ [Grooming](#): brush coats and manes, bathe.
- ❑ [Web & tech](#): 1-2 hours weekly – advise and assist with tech.
- ❑ [Grant applications](#):
- ❑ [Land clearance labor](#): limbs on ground cleared to stumps to burn & improve pasture grass.



Options to help

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

honor someone remember a loved one

Donate: Once Monthly Recurring Annual Recurring Legacy/will



Online Address

www.CompassionRanch.org/Donate

Donors typically use the web site with PayPal* or Venmo, send mail, or bank auto pay.

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

Postal Address for Mail / Bank Autopay / Shipping Goods

354 County Road 33; Calera, Alabama 35040

Some prefer to ship food or supplies for delivery through WalMart, Chewy, Amazon...

Compassion

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



Ranch

CompassionRanch.org

Partnered with Triple D Ranch & Farm

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

FYI: we provide low carb/low sugar feed and treats for Hank (Enrich).

WalMart delivers most dog and cat food, plus supplies.

Chewy delivers 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.)

Options for Impact

1. Donate for *where the need is greatest*.
 2. Partner sponsoring an animal monthly \$1-10 per day to sustain food security.
 3. Forward our info & advocate us to friends, foundations...looking for a mission like ours.
 4. Visit/see what you are supporting and possibilities to improve.
 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:
- Brochure (pics, summary info) News (progress) Mission & Goals 2026 Annual Report 2025
- Arlington horses plan pasture and shelter Old Hog Barn Repurpose Plan for horses, dogs...

Our Vision for Multiplying 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....

"I am so glad there are places like yours to educate our youth on how to take care and respect animals. Teaching our youth about our flag and our history is so vital now...." Joyce Cochran

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

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