



Compassion Ranch

Animals getting second chances for life.

Progress & Plans report to friends about services to animals and people. June 15, 2023.

The Old Guard serving Arlington National Cemetery did a site visit

We have been working with the US Army herd manager Monique Hovey since Veterans Day 2022 regarding possibilities for adopting a retiring horse in The Old Guard. Captain (CPT) Nathan Lundquist, commander of the ceremonial unit that leads funerals at Arlington National Cemetery, conducted a site visit to assess Compassion Ranch for adopting retired soldier horses who have served our veterans at Arlington. CPT Lundquist helped us understand the needs of two horses.



Captain Lundquist is pictured with Wounded Warrior and student-workers ages 11-16 plus our part-time professional who helps with building and repair, Shawn. Nate also met Col. and Mrs. Barefield at Alabama's National Cemetery and saw a painting of one of our "cap" (caparisoned) horses presented in the National Veterans Day parade in Birmingham. The artist donated the painting to Patriotism in Action; we donated the art to the National Cemetery for visitors to see.

Progress Recently with Support from Friends

1. Built rehab stalls #2 and #3 next to the larger rehab stall and pen and finished another pens. Now, we have 3 stalls available for rehab, medical attention, and nightly feeding – helpful especially if a horse needs an individualized diet.
2. Added two gates in our rehab paddock, including a bigger one to support access from trucks.
3. Added 2x6" rails (3) at 1-3-5 feet around half of the barn corral for added safety, plus beauty.
4. Feed 36 animals every evening, some 2x per day.
5. Web site pages added or improved, thanks to help of Kyle Crider, adding newsletters and a page for riderless horses (see some of ours and Arlington's) : www.CompassionRanch.org

Donations received from Friends of the Animals

1. \$1000 received to help purchase supplemental feed – protein pellets, grain, and senior feeds needed by our oldest horses requiring more fat and calories to keep weight healthy.
2. Horse treats and dog biscuits sent monthly. Every horse, pony, donkey, goat, and dog gets at least one treat after supper daily. The cats don't seem to care for treats, but love wet food.
3. Community grants from the WalMart Foundation and the Poarch Creek Indian Foundation.
4. Boxes of canned food for the cats so we can supplement dry food with vitamins and taste.
5. \$300 sent monthly to sponsor Crockett, our most senior horse.
6. \$30 for the month or \$1 per day to sponsor Tessee, our kitten who came from TN last year.
7. \$40 for the month to support 3 cats living in the loft.
8. \$100 sent in memory of Joan Crawford Dyson and Eb Dyson by one of mom's classmates.
9. Donation of sheets and blankets for dogs and cats received from an animal lover couple who searched the Internet for animal shelters and found Compassion Ranch website, liked, and visited with bags and boxes of sheets we can use and donate to others. We have extra sheets.

Some of our Plans, Needs, and Dreams

Some of the uses for funds we hope to attract to make life for animals and people we serve better (if you see one that inspires you, you are invited to support or tell me your idea):

1. Horses: preparing for two retired horses in the U.S. Army who need to be adopted.
2. Corral fence: wood posts, rails, and gates around the barn so horses and visitors have more safety.
3. Pen #3 connected to rehab stalls so horses needing a place to recover can heal better.
4. Pay student workers who help clean food and water bowls, stalls, event spaces, pastures...
5. Carpenter leading on barn improvements – pens and gates, barn loft, fence repairs...
6. Animal Assistant to help us improve care. lab work to assess blood and worms, grooming, hoof care and trimming, coordinating with volunteer groomers...Saturday afternoons to start.
7. Student-parent-teacher programs and events.
8. Sponsors for more of the rescued animals to give them security – monthly donations.
9. New stable/barn for Arlington horses and a few here who could benefit from individual stalls, lab and treatment area, gallery to inspire students, covered pavilion for groups and hay, kitchen for events, round pen....
10. Play area and orchard for children and adults who visit--with horseshoes and fruit trees, benches near the entrance--posts, rails, wire fence, gate, labor.

Ideas for how you can make a Difference

1. Advocate the animals and programs to animal lovers who want to help animals and people.
2. Follow on Facebook and Instagram and share posts.
3. Visit to see updates at www.CompassionRanch.org (news, shirts, riderless horses, donate...).
4. Volunteer to groom animals and assist as we trim hooves or help clear fallen trees.
5. Sponsor daily care of \$1 (\$30 per month) to support a dog or cat or goat.
6. Sponsor \$5 per day (\$150/month) to feed and care for a pony or donkey.
7. Sponsor \$10 per day (\$300/mo) to provide food, water, shelter, meds, vet care....for a horse.
8. Sponsor a student for 1-2 afternoons of work-learn weekly (\$50-100 / week or \$200-400 monthly).
9. Set up secure monthly donations on our web site or direct your online banking to mail monthly.
10. Share your goals for impact on animals and people as a partner at your desired level of support.

Thanks for following and helping or telling those who may be looking for a purpose like ours.

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