



# Compassion Ranch

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## Charlie is our newest member of the Compassion Ranch Pack



**Charlie was on his way to get euthanized** but fortunately the family member paused. Charlie came here weeks ago to protect him from euthanasia because he nipped a boy who was playing too rough with him. The family cares for Charlie and sought help from us.

**Short story and my assessment:** Charlie is a big young dog who was insecure due to having stranger dogs and people walk into his yard that was not fenced. Another family dog had already been killed by a dog coming onto the property. The other family dog started fights with him. Charlie had not had his neuter surgery. Charlie was usually gentle though when stressed he would act out when people pushed him too far. Charlie had been prescribed sedatives and the people surrendering him brought his pill bottle with recommendations to give him 6 pills per day. The family cared for Charlie though this dog seemed doomed to fail without a change of environment and behavior training for kids or eventually he may have to face euthanasia for something serious he did. His previous humans asked us to take Charlie in while they assessed if they could provide what he needs.

**Charlie now, weeks later:** The family accepted our invitation to adopt Charlie to live at Compassion Ranch, especially because they are invited to visit and help care for him. He needs his neuter surgery

asap. He is socializing with the dogs and the donkeys separated by his fence until he gets his surgery and feels like a member of the pack. He loves his space. We installed an XL dog door on the front of the green house in the garden. That's his favorite place if cold or rainy. In there, he has a bed of straw and heat lamp that kept him warm during the recent cold nights. He has room to play in the fenced garden. He is buddies with Honk the donkey. He also has a large pen with a shelter. We patched the big baby pool because he loves water. He is learning to play in the larger back yard while the pack is near. The other dogs like visiting Charlie because they also get treats and they are getting to know him protected by fence. Charlie has been weaned from his medicine – from six sedatives to none--and he seems happy, playful, and relaxed. We still need to invest time in him to feel trust instinctively.

We are investing partner donations into his care, including surgery, large breed dog food, and dog biscuits. We hope to be able to invite him in to full membership in the pack so he and the other dogs can enjoy the back yard and the house.

If you want to co-sponsor Charlie for his surgery or starter needs or monthly:  
[www.CompassionRanch.org/donate](http://www.CompassionRanch.org/donate)

### **Flashback: Star coming home anniversary April 2015 – from Washington State to AL**



The 7<sup>th</sup> Ranch, Garryowen, Montana, on our way back to Alabama.



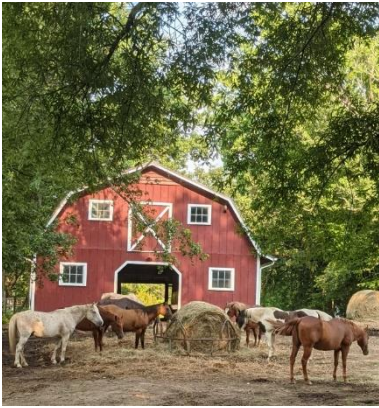
Star is right greeting Indy and Patriot for the first time in seven years. Photo by Kyle Crider.

[Star – Compassion Ranch](#)



The day we got back Cowgirl was exhausted. She had traveled 5,000 miles with me to get Star. Before the trip she had only been with me a week, rescued after being dumped at a fire station. She found me. We adopted each other.

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- ❖ **Compassion Ranch** focuses on care of animals and development of courage, compassion, patriotism, and more character traits mandated to teach daily in schools, [www.CompassionRanch.org](http://www.CompassionRanch.org).
- ❖ **Planning & Personal Leadership** provides resources and training to help students write *Plans for School and College-Career-Character*.
- ❖ **Patriotism in Action** publishes Patriotism in Action and Professionalism Under Stress, plus supports the website [www.VeteransDayFoundingEducation.us](http://www.VeteransDayFoundingEducation.us).

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