

REELTIME ANIMAL RESCUE'S COMPASSION EDUCATION: CONNECT & INSPIRE PRESENTER



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Hi, we're Catherine and Matthew Hudson, founders of Layla Rose Ranch. Our focus is on rescuing abused and neglected horses - many from kill pens, where they're tagged for slaughter. Each horse we save goes through three phases of care:

Phase 1: Rescue – From a Life of Hopelessness

For many of the horses we save, their journey begins in a kill pen, where they are tagged and awaiting transport to slaughter. The moment we bring them home, they are examined by our vet, and a personalized care plan is put in place. We update their Coggins, administer vaccines, provide dental care, and address hoof issues with the help of our farrier. Unfortunately, many of the horses we rescue arrive with serious health challenges such as stranglers, pneumonia, or EPM. Almost all of them are severely malnourished. Rescue is just the first step, but it's a vital one—offering them a second chance at life.

Phase 2: Restore – Trust in Humans and Themselves

Once their immediate medical and physical needs are met, we begin the longer journey of restoring trust. Using techniques from the Clinton Anderson Method, we work patiently to help them feel safe in their interactions with humans. Because our horses come from traumatic situations, we take a slower, more individualized approach. The goal isn't just for them to trust us—it's for them to rediscover trust in themselves. This is one of the most challenging yet rewarding phases of the process.

Phase 3: Relive – The Life They Were Meant to Live

This phase is by far the most fulfilling. Seeing a horse that once faced a hopeless future thrive in its new Forever Home is why we do what we do. We use the term "Forever Home" intentionally, as it represents the secure, loving environment we seek for each of our horses.

Every horse we rescue has a story, and it's our mission to ensure their next chapter is one of hope, care, and a life they were always meant to live.