Dear Friend,

If Ruby, Rosie, Atlas, and the 59 other purpose-bred beagles we brought to the ranch this year could speak, they would thank you. In two rescue operations, we secured their freedom and that of almost 300 other desperate dogs. In doing so we spared them months—perhaps years—of suffering through drug tests, product trials, and other potentially painful and lonely research.

Jasmine, Jupiter, and Sugar, and the dozens of other cats who live here today, had never played with a plush toy because their laboratory environments had to be completely sterile. Now they revel in the soft and cuddly things you help us provide. Outside, they’re fascinated with insects and birds; inside, they love to climb the cat trees and snuggle up with caretakers—lifetime firsts for them.

Angel had never been outside before she came to the ranch. Her entire world was a kennel surrounded by concrete and four walls. I wish you could have seen her walk on grass for the first time. You would have shared her joy as she sniffed air rich with life’s odorous beagle-messages. You would have laughed to watch Angel’s first leap into the air and her first frolicking run down a hill.

Dayaluta came from a veterinary training facility in Idaho. Her porcine pals—a dozen in all—were subjected to a variety of tests until they were released into our care. The cows, Willow, Muffin, and Autumn—refugees from reproduction experiments—have lived at the Kindness Ranch since 2015. They share our lush pastures and comfortable barns with six more bovines and six horses.

Please understand that it is your compassionate support that makes it possible for the Kindness Ranch to give former research animals like these the second chances they deserve. Thank you for your trust and compassion.

If you can, please come to the ranch and see for yourself the amazing personal transformations former research animals go through when they’re exposed to the gentle care and love we give them. I am sometimes moved to tears to see the magic our staff performs: helping these animals grow in confidence and open up to love and life. Of course, this animal magic only works in combination with your generous gifts, volunteer hours at the ranch, foster caregiving, and ongoing assistance. You don’t have to visit the ranch to be part of the miracle, but you are welcome any time.

In the Kitty Bunkhouse today we house dozens of cats whose daily lives used to be a prison of research protocols and testing timetables. Only a few remain traumatized, only a few still cower at the sight of an approaching human—most have adjusted well. And they look to you for a second chance at a good life.

We do all we can to help our residents learn to trust people, to give and take love and affection, and to feel safe and wanted. In other words, the former research animals you help us rescue almost all conquer their fears and adapt to living in a nurturing home-like environment, the kind of life you and I routinely give our own companion animals.
Even though most of the animals we take in weren’t purposely abused or mistreated, many have psychological and behavioral issues to overcome. Many have health problems when they first arrive, often caused by the experiments done to them or simply as a result of living in constricted, artificial situations.

You would expect dogs and cats and other unfortunate test subjects who have endured months or years of experiments in windowless rooms, under artificial lighting, isolated in kennels and cages that prevent them from expressing their normal behaviors to develop high stress levels, twisted temperaments, and various diseases such as diabetes, weight loss, and eye and skin disorders.

These animals have missed so much. But thanks to you, we help them make up for lost time by giving them the unconditional love, veterinary care, and top-quality housing they deserve.

We spare no expense to ease their transition from labs to liberty and to keep them well-fed and healthy. Our annual veterinary bills can be as high as $60,000. Feeding the farm animals can cost upwards of $20,000 annually. Routine building and road maintenance, snow plowing, and fence repair costs vary by season, but all depend on a running tractor and assorted attachments. When our old one died in May, we had to buy a new one—for almost $60,000.

The pigs, horses, sheep, goats, cows, llamas, cats, dogs, and other animals at the Kindness Ranch are released to us by private laboratories, product testing facilities, breeders, and medical and veterinary schools. We deeply appreciate the facilities that discharge their animal subjects into our care, rather than euthanizing them after their testing protocols are complete.

But it is your generous backing—in the form of one-time donations, monthly donations, bequests, foster caregiving, volunteer hours caring for animals at the ranch, and your spreading the word about us—that mean the most to me. Those gifts allow us to continue our life-saving work—and they give me hope that one day we will be able to take in former research animals from every testing facility and medical institution in America or—better yet—to usher in the day when animal testing is ended forever.

For the refugees from research who come here, the Kindness Ranch is their first real home and their second chance for happiness. Thanks to you, we can rescue all kinds of retired research animals and give them the kind of lives they’ve never known—full of warmth, friendly interactions, and genuine concern for their health and well-being.

Since our founding in 2007, we have rescued thousands of former test subjects. We are a temporary stop for some and provide a permanent home for dozens of those animals who are too old, debilitated, or maladjusted to live in someone’s home. And we’ve found forever homes for more than 1,000 dogs and cats, and other lucky animals.

Please help us save more research animals—and give the fortunate ones already in the care of the Kindness Ranch the very best lives possible by sending us a tax-deductible gift of $25, $50 or $100—whatever you can afford.

On behalf of the animals,

David Groobman, PhD.

P.S. I write to you as one animal lover to another, united in the belief that animals used in research deserve a second chance at a good life. Please give what you can. Thank you.
Bye-Bye, Beagles (Plus Chris & Clark)!

The Kindness Ranch has rescued more than 320 dogs, cats, pigs, cows, and llamas since January 2022. We’ve found adoptive homes for more than 80 beagles … eight lucky cats, including two senior felines who we’ve sheltered for over three years … and one rabbit named Chris. Please join us in wishing these refugees from research long and happy lives with their new families.

DOROTHY trusted Greg the instant they met. She laid her head on Greg’s shoulder while he signed the adoption papers. Then she slept on the entire trip to her new home in Manzanita, Oregon. Now she plays on the beach and spends quality time with her forever human every day.

Tara came to the ranch looking for a special beagle, and when she met GOOSE, she knew she had found him. They now live together in Wichita, Kansas, where Goose gets to run and play with his little beagle sister Audrey.

SEQUOIA survived nearly two years of flea-and-tick repellent studies, enjoyed a year at the ranch, and was adopted in April by Steven and Krystal of Gering, Nebraska.

After 10 months of socialization at the ranch, CHRIS was adopted. Five other rabbits are still awaiting adoption after surviving experimental exposure to diesel exhaust, Chris now lives with Cassandra R. in Hartville, Wyoming.

LOUISE was extremely shy when she first arrived at the ranch from the Virginia breeding facility where she was born. But she melted the hearts of Shelly, Dave, and their son the instant they met her—and it didn’t take long for Louise to return the love.

Eight cats have been adopted over the last few months. CLARK now lives with Jeanette G. in Centennial, Colorado. He will never again be subjected to vaccine and nutrition research.
Thirty-two former research cats live in the Kitty Bunkhouse, including Athena and Vesper. Twenty-six of them are ready to live with a special someone like you. Our llamas—Dolly, Shadow, Bandit and Mama Llama—arrived here in February after their release from university research. They, too, are ready for forever homes, as our five cuddly rabbits.

But not all the animals at the Kindness Ranch are available for adoption. Six horses, 12 pigs, three sheep, seven cows, two bulls, and two goats have a forever home right here. In fact, any retired research animals who are too traumatized, old, or debilitated to be adopted are welcome to stay with us for the rest of their natural lives. These permanent residents also need your ongoing financial support, volunteer hours, and compassion.

In September 2021, we received six male New Zealand rabbits who had been used in diesel-exhaust studies. Blake, David, Jeff, PAUL, Sam, and Chris were each born in April 2020. They all arrived traumatized from their short lives in a lab, breathing exhaust fumes. After months of socialization, they are ready for adoption. In fact, Chris has already found his forever home. Paul pictured here, and their pals are ready to find families as well.

If you have the space, the personality, and compassion, you might enjoy living with llamas. They are smart, trainable, gentle, and social animals who thrive in rugged climates. Because they need the companionship of their own kind, we can’t place them individually—unless you already have a llama or two. Bandit and Mama Llama are 8½ while Shadow and Dolly are going on six-years-old.

Interested? Call the Kindness Ranch at (307) 735-4177.

After spending 10 of her 12-plus years as an unwilling subject in vaccine and nutrition experiments, it is time for PRISS to find peace and love with a cat lover like you.

ATHENA is a content cat with a sweet disposition. She enjoys playing with wand toys, hiding in cardboard boxes, and cuddling—all on her terms.

This calico miss enjoys being brushed and scratched behind the ears. KADEN is six years-old, is a little shy with other cats but gets along with every human she meets.

If you’d like to adopt any one of our residents, please contact the Kindness Ranch at (307) 735-4177 or info@kindnessranch.org.