



# THE BARNYARD BULLETIN

**December 2025**

## November Recap

After a very busy fall, November came along and finally began to slow us down, but it was still full of meaningful moments and lots of things to do! We prepared the farm for Santa's arrival, tended to our Winter garden, and wrapped up our Fall program! Throughout the month, we continued to witness bonds forming between our participants and animal partners- a beautiful reminder of our vision.

Then Santa came to the farm! We sipped hot chocolate, wrote him letters, and sang all our favorite Christmas songs together. He even made sure to put every one of our animal partners on the nice list...though he did let us know he'll be keeping an eye on them.



## Christmas Gift Ideas!

Do you have someone on your list who already has everything and is impossible to shop for? Give them the gift of a symbolic adoption. They'll receive photos and fun information about their favorite Cooper Ridge animal—and even some great farm merch. It's a stress-free, meaningful gift for every animal lover.



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## What's Happening at Cooper Ridge?



### Winter Sessions

We're excited to kick off our Winter program this month at the farm! Winter is a special season here, giving us extra time to connect, learn, and grow together. Our animal partners love the cooler weather, and they're especially eager for all the warm snuggles from our participants.

### Success Story

One of our participant's favorite things to do at the farm is dance to "The Cupid Shuffle" during his sessions. When he attended summer camp, he initially did not want to perform at the camp's talent show. But the night of the talent show, he walked up and asked to perform that song in front of the entire audience! Building confidence in our participants is one of our 4 pillars and we're thrilled to see how this participant has grown in this way.



### Giving Tuesday

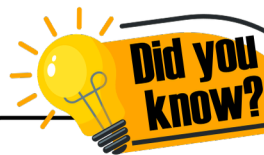
This Giving Tuesday, help us continue the healing work happening every day at Cooper Ridge Farm. Your donation, small or large, supports animal-assisted therapy and the powerful connections that help our participants grow and thrive. Check out our Facebook page to donate!

### Merry Christmas!

Christmas reminds us of the joy found in togetherness and the warmth of giving to others. It's a season that slows us down just enough to notice the blessings around us—community, kindness, and the people we love. In the glow of the holidays, we're reminded of just how lucky we are here at Cooper Ridge. Happy Holidays from our farm family to yours!

#### STAFF SHOUTOUT:

Session instructor, Brandi Mouton, received her AAAIP certification, making her a qualified Animal-Assisted Specialist—setting her apart as a trained professional in the field. Congratulations, Brandi!



Rabbit's teeth never stop growing! They chew on hay or other rough objects to help keep them worn down!

## How Can I Help?

Donate  
Now!



<https://cooperridgefarm.org/donate>



Amazon  
Wishlist

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Tractor  
Supply  
Wishlist



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## Looking Ahead..

As we approach the new year, we have many things to be excited about. Read ahead to get excited right along with us!



West Lake Country Club  
May 4, 2026

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Classic

We are thrilled to announce the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cooper Ridge Golf Classic! This golf tournament will be to raise funds for future plans at Cooper Ridge and will help us expand to our brand new property. Your support of the Golf Classic will directly contribute to sustaining our current programs and essential expansion needs, including fencing, new program buildings, and enhanced spaces for participants and animals alike. It will be held at the West Lake Country Club on May 4, 2026.

#### Sponsorship Opportunities:

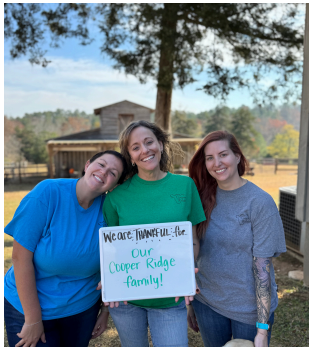
We are looking for business sponsors to partner with us for this monumental event. Support from businesses would help us in putting on this event and make it as successful as possible. If you know of anyone who would be interested in partnering with us, please send them this link for more information: <https://cooperridgefarm.org/golf-tournament-2026>

### Beyond the Barn

Cooper Ridge is always focused on setting the highest industry standards for animal-assisted interventions in a farm setting.

In April 2026, our session instructors will be attending the Human-Animal Interaction Conference hosted by the University of Denver and Green Chimneys, both known as industry leaders. This conference offers professionals an opportunity to learn, collaborate, and evolve this ever-growing field.

We look forward to representing Cooper Ridge and our CSRA community.



### Golf Classic Info

Website



<https://cooperridgefarm.org/golf-tournament-2026>



Tickets/  
Sponsors

<https://cooperridgefarm.betterworld.org/events/1st-annual-cooper-ridge-farm-gol>



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## Meet The Team

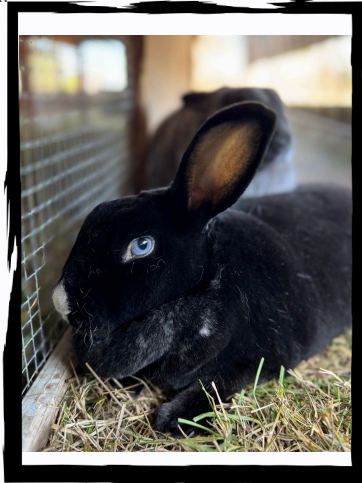


### Participant Spotlight: Angela Torres

Meet Angela! She has been a part of the Cooper family for almost 2 years and has brought joy along with her for every session. Angela loves crafting, drawing and dancing. She is our resident pop star, singing her heart out to every Selena and Disney song she knows. We love having such a beautiful soul join us every week.

### Animal Partner: Clyde

Meet Clyde. He is our only male bunny and is a fan favorite on the farm for his soft hair and adorable white nose. He is a laid back bunny and enjoys quiet visits, as well as his favorite treat- dried pea flakes. Clyde has heterochromia, which is where he has 2 different colored eyes! Another fun fact - he's Berrie's (our gray bunny) son.



### Board Member Spotlight: Elaina Leonard

Meet Elaina! She has an incredibly kind and giving soul. Elaina is a pivotal member of our Board of Directors and has been involved with Cooper Ridge for several years. She is a Kindergarten teacher, and has appropriately been named Teacher of the Year for her hard work and dedication. When she isn't teaching the next generation or spending her days off volunteering at the farm, Elaina loves playing with her own dog at home. We are so lucky to have such an amazing person who believes in our mission and spreads happiness everywhere she goes.



## Upcoming Events

**December 1  
Winter Program  
Begins**

**December 2  
Giving Tuesday**

**December 22-  
January 2  
Closed for Holidays**

**January 5  
Farm Reopens**

**January 30  
Farm Closed**



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