

Elkhart nursing home residents surprised by 2 mini therapy horses named Peep and Yoshi

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Residents at Hubbard Hill got a surprise today!

Two mini horses that go by the names Peep and Yoshi visited the home.



Two non-profits joined forces to bring a little cheer to the senior community. Like all nursing homes, the Elkhart facility has been closed to visitors during the pandemic, so residents were extra happy to see the animals.

“This kind of a visit with these mini horses is such a therapeutic program and an ingenious way to really reconnect them to something that is sensory-oriented, something where they have discussion and the ability to talk about,” said Executive Director for the Living Wisdom Center Debbie Carriveau. “Connection with animals and nature are so extremely important to slow down the disease process.”

The horses were provided by Love Way therapy horses, a non-profit based in Middlebury, Indiana.

