Outcomes of Intervention
- Improved mood
- Positive interactions – willingness to touch/pet animal, talk/express self, wanting to be there, positive facial expressions, turning head in direction of food/stimuli, positive vocalization/verbalization, nodding, smiling manipulation of object
- Visual tracking
- Reduction in anxiety or restlessness
- Increased focus and concentration for a Minimum of 10 minutes
- Increased bilateral use of hands, arms, legs

Evidence Based Care
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