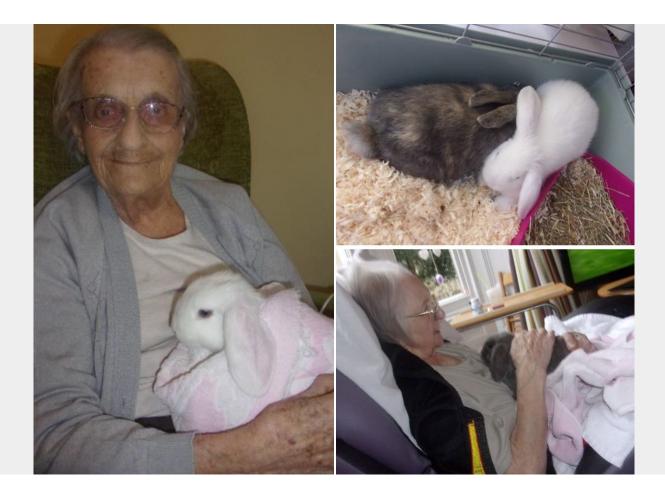


## We welcome Phoebe and Thumper to Loose Valley Care Home



## We are thrilled to announce the arrival of two baby bunnies here at Loose Valley Care Home.

They were meant to be two girls, but on inspection one little girl was a little boy - so we had to revise our name choices!

Our residents had a list of names to choose from and agreed on '*Phoebe*' for the white rabbit doe and '*Thumper*' for the dark rabbit buck. Our residents are overjoyed to have them at **Loose Valley** - they are in love with them and can't wait to see them so they can have a cuddle.

...and what with two rabbits, two guinea pigs, lots of chickens and Herbie the dog visiting twice a week, we are slowly becoming a mini zoo!

Pets are fantastically therapeutic and to actually have them on site at our **Home** is wonderful. So many benefits come from stroking animals, including a reduction in stress, anxiety and depression. They really cheer people up and can help to lower blood pressure. They are also a great way to increase social interaction and promote conversation amongst residents.