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Assistance Ambassadors

For anyone who has shared their heart and home with an animal it will come as no surprise that animals are proving great allies in assisting those in our community with special needs. However it was the unlikely teaming of a goat named Ryan and a sheep named Timmy who stole the hearts of the residents at Dianella Nursing Hostel this week. Making one of their regular visits to Kilmore's aged care facility Ryan and Timmy brought smiles and warmth to all.

"Humans have an innate and strong need to love and be loved" said Ryan and Timmy's guardian, Pam Ahern of Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary. "And in animals we find a non judgmental creature with a fountain of unconditional love and loyalty. It was just amazing to watch as outstretched hands crept into Timmy's wool while others offered Ryan one of his favorite treats, a wheetbix. Faces lit up and stories were told as lives were enriched"

When not out and about being ambassadors Timmy and Ryan call Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary home, where they and around 200 other rescued animals wander the pastures of Willowmavin's unique haven for rescued farmed animals.

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Photos attached for media use: large file photos available upon request

“If we could live happy and healthy lives without harming others... why wouldn't we?”