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Blind children explore the wonderful world of horses at South Florida SPCA Horse Rescue Ranch

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MIAMI, FL (Dec. 17, 2013) Months of preparation and planning came to fruition on December 14, 2013, as South Florida SPCA Horse Rescue hosted 11 blind children from Tropical Elementary School in Miami. The children not only read to the horses in Braille but were able to touch, groom and interact with them.

Two of the ponies, Jackie and Pirate, are visually-impaired, each being blind in one eye. The children particularly enjoyed and related to Jackie and Pirate. Topper, our gentle giant Clydesdale who "specializes" in being read to, was also a big hit with the kids as they sat on hay bales to read to him.

At the end of the day, each child was given a real horseshoe with their name imprinted in Braille.

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