

Elf Frank Myrrh: Greetings from the North Pole News Desk, I'm Elf Frank Myrrh of North Pole Radio News. Santa's reindeer always make the news around this date because they go into isolation in advance of Santa's launch. This is all done as a precaution, a way to keep them healthy for Santa's flight. Joining me from the Reindeer Operations Department today is Elf Crash Murphy who is learning what the reindeer will be doing for the next few weeks before they fly. Crash?

Elf Crash Murphy: Frank, it's Christmas time and I got to thinking that it must be pretty lonely for Santa's reindeer to be so by themselves when everyone else seems to be attending Christmas parties, going to concerts and enjoying holiday events over the next few weeks. But I learned today something I didn't expect.

Elf Frank: What is that, Crash?

Elf Crash: They love the time alone. It's just them, by themselves, sometimes out in nature and other times in their special barn – and they only see people from a distance. I'm told they love the peace and quiet during these days before Santa takes off.

Elf Frank: What do they do with all that time? They don't sleep the whole time, do they?

Elf Crash: No, Frank. They are on an exercise routine to keep their muscles up and especially their lungs in shape.

Elf Frank: Their lungs? Why their lungs?

Elf Crash: They fly, Frank, sometimes at very high altitudes where the air is thin. They need strong conditioned lungs to perform at that level. So they exercise a lot, Frank. And when they aren't flying or eating or resting, they're playing games.

Elf Frank: Games? What games? Reindeer games?

Elf Crash: No. People games. They play hide and seek, they play reindeer baseball. They play dodge ball. And they even play some grown up games like poker.

Elf Frank: Poker? Get out of town....

Elf Crash: I kid you not, Frank. It's an absolute hoot watching reindeer trying to hold face cards, Frank. It takes them a little while to play a game but they've got time, Frank.

Elf Frank: I want video or it never happened, Crash. Sorry, I'm calling your bluff on this one. There's no way Donner and Cupid and Rudolph play poker, Crash, there's just no way. From the North Pole, where now that I think about it Donner does have a poker face a lot, I'm Elf Frank Myrrh for SantaUpdate.com on the Kringle Radio Network.