

An Animal's Power To Heal

It is well documented that pet therapy promotes emotional and physical well-being. Animals help lift a person's mood and give him/her something to focus on outside of themselves. Most people respond favorably to an animal offering genuine affection and unconditional love.



Studies have shown that when an animal visits a home or patient facility, there is more laughter and interaction among those present.



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Pet Therapy Services



“Animal's eyes have the power to speak a great language.”

Martin Buber

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What Is Pet Therapy?

Pet Therapy is the interaction between patients and animals to promote therapeutic benefits such as:

- Lowering blood pressure
- Easing physical and emotional pain
- Improving memory
- Reducing stress

Pets have a special way of showing unconditional love and uplifting spirits, no matter what the circumstances.



Whether at home, in an assisted living facility, in a nursing home or in a Hospice residence, volunteer pets and their owners create smiles, laughter and peace of mind for all involved.

Who Can Benefit From Pet Therapy?

Patients who have withdrawn from the people around them but find interacting with an animal easier and less painful.

Exposure to the animal allows the patient to feel needed and wanted at a time in their life that they may feel very alone.



***Black Jack,
Hospice Therapy Dog***

What Role Do The Animals Play?

They often bring peace and joy to those patients whose lives once included animals.

Physical contact has a calming effect and dogs have the ability to bring back pleasant memories of a person's life.

Therapy dogs help combat loneliness and they give people the chance to have something to look forward to in their daily lives.



In addition to the patient, pets and handlers often have the ability to comfort family members including children.