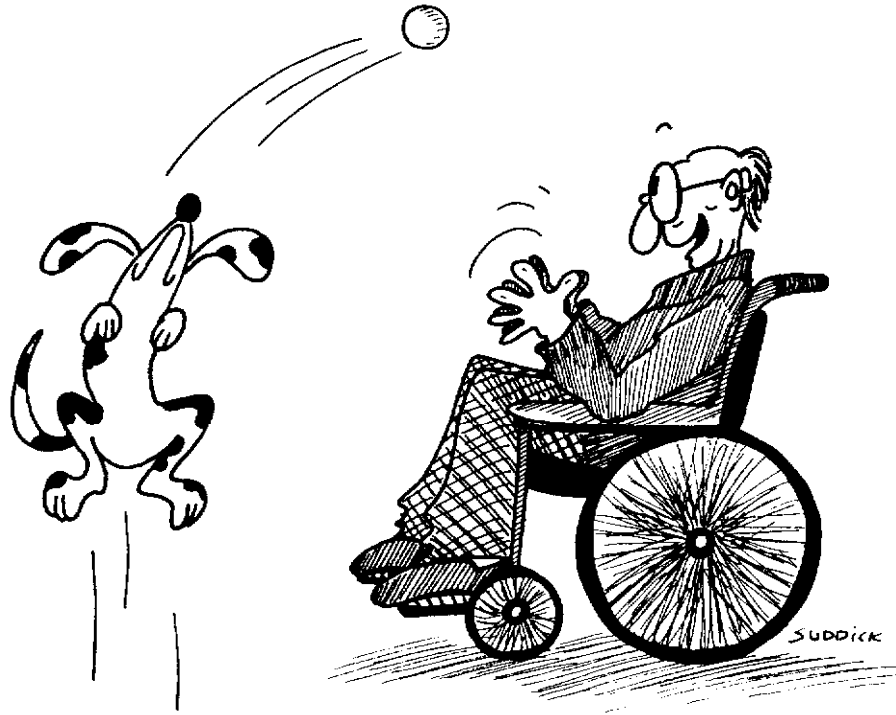


## We Bring Love To Those Who Need It Most



Studies have shown that the mere presence of a pet can help lower heart rates and blood pressure, relieve stress, and actually add years to our lives. But not everyone can own a pet. So we use pet therapy programs to reach people in places where animals are not traditionally in residence.

In pet therapy programs, volunteers take animals to nursing homes, retirement communities, or even children's hospitals for special visits. Cuddling an animal can offer comfort, prompt people who haven't spoken in a long time to retell stories of their own beloved pets, and even diminish fear in a child who may be facing difficult medical treatment. During these special visits, animals get a chance to do what they do best—give unconditional love and attention.



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