



## *Caring Paws Crew*

### BENEFITS OF PET THERAPY



**RELEASES ENDORPHINS THAT HAVE A CALMING EFFECT**



**ENCOURAGES COMMUNICATION AND INCREASES SOCIALIZATION**



**ACT OF PETTING PRODUCES AN AUTOMATIC RELAXATION RESPONSE**



**PROVIDES COMFORT, LOWERS ANXIETY AND REDUCES LONELINESS**



**LIFTS SPIRITS AND LESSENS DEPRESSION**



**REDUCES BOREDOM AND PROVIDES MOTIVATION TO MOVE**

#### **Make Each Day Count**



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**The sooner you call, the sooner we can help.**

There's nothing like a visit from a four-legged friend to brighten our day. Old Colony Hospice's Pet Therapy Program has the right pet therapy team to help provide support to our patients and families!

**REGISTERED PET THERAPY TEAMS VISIT WITH PATIENTS IN SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. FOR SOME PATIENTS, CONTACT WITH THESE GENTLE ANIMALS EVOKES MEMORIES OF PETS IN THEIR LIVES, PAST OR PRESENT.**

*Interested in joining our Pet Therapy team?*

Our pet therapy volunteers say they get as much joy from the experience as our patients. If you have an interest in becoming a pet therapy team with your pet, call us or visit our website to submit a volunteer application!

“The animals help provide socialization and supportive listening for the patients and, in some cases, assistance with symptom management.”

- Maureen Horgan, LICSW, ACSW  
Providence Hospital of Seattle

## OUR MISSION

The Old Colony Hospice team compassionately cares for individuals and their loved ones coping with complex illnesses and end of life needs while preserving dignity and quality of life.

## OUR VISION

To make the end of life care experience better for the people we serve.

