

# PETS AS THERAPY

## The Care and Welfare of PAT Dogs and PAT Cats

### - During Pets As Therapy Visits

Check with the staff if any patients, clients present any particular risks to me.

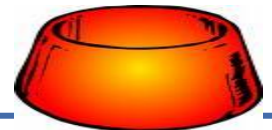


Some volunteers take hand wipes with them on visits – so that they can offer them to people to wipe their hands after patting me.

Please find out where I can go to the toilet at the establishment and ask where hand-washing facilities are located for you.



or dropped tablets or other on the floor. It is useful to teach me a “leave” command.



Make sure I’ve got access to water to drink – it is thirsty work being a PAT dog or cat and these establishments are so hot!!

Check whether anyone in the establishment has any fears, phobias or allergies of dogs

PAT Dogs and PAT Cats should enjoy and not just tolerate their visits. Be alert for signs of stress and finish the visit if your animal is showing these signs.

Keep hold of me on my lead during the visit and keep me with you at all times – it’s for my own safety!



Take some of my usual treats on visits so that you can give them to people who wish to feed me. No biscuits, sweets or chocolate please!



Pets As Therapy visiting can be very tiring for me Please finish the visit if you can see I am getting tired and make sure I have time to rest.



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