

Where to Visit

- Where should I visit?

Establishments

- Residential homes
- Nursing homes
- Care homes
- Day Care centres
- Hospitals
- Hospices
- Special Needs Schools
- Mainstream Schools

Before you visit, think about what will suit both you and your PAT Dog or PAT Cat – your welfare and comfort and that of your PAT Dog or PAT Cat is very important.

For example,

- Would you and your PAT Dog or PAT Cat feel more comfortable in a nursing home than on a hospital ward?
- Perhaps you can only visit in the evening or at weekends?
- Are you comfortable being with people with challenging behaviours or a disability?

Contact your local Voluntary Area Co-ordinator* if you have one. Please share any concerns that you have about visiting with them.

Ask for a Buddy Visit

If you don't have a Voluntary Area Co-ordinator, please contact our Placement Officer, Dinah Baynton-Dibley, Tel: 0208 589 9258 or email: ddibley@petsastherapy.org who can help arrange for another more experienced volunteer to be your buddy on the first few visits.

Start with one regular visit and build up from there.

An ideal visit would be to an establishment that is within a very short distance by car, bus or walking from your home or work. This makes it easier to include it as part of your normal routine.

Your Voluntary Area Co-ordinator may have a waiting list of establishments in your local area.

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Perhaps you already have a place in mind or feel able to approach establishments yourself to make an introduction.

NB: For reasons of safety, security and insurance, Pets As Therapy are currently unable to arrange visiting to individuals in their own private houses.

*Please remember that the Voluntary Area Co-ordinators are also volunteers for the Charity. If you need to contact them, please do so at a reasonable and sociable time.

For further information please contact the Pets As Therapy Head Office, Tel: 01865 671440
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