

Therapists' FAQ

Do Dogs Motivate Independence?



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**Dustin's Paw of Idaho
A non-profit dedicated to turning
challenges into miracles**

Do Dogs Motivate Independence? This eBook addresses Frequently Asked Questions by Therapists (Speech, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy). We will examine the following questions:

- What do dogs do for patients? (A brief look into research.)
- What is Dustin's Paw of Idaho?
- Who are Ovelle and Prairie?
- What is a therapy dog?
- Who is Canine Companions for Independence?
- For what purpose does Canine Companions for Independence provide dogs to the disabled?
- What do the dogs do for therapists?
- How do the dogs work in schools/hospitals/clinics?
- What concerns are there about having a dog in therapy?
- How do you handle patient/staff with allergies to dogs?
- How do you handle insurance?
- What health/infection control policies need to be in place when using dogs?
- How can you tell if a patient is ready to work with a dog?
- How do you keep your patients safe around dog?
- How do you handle religious/culture/dog issues?
- How do you handle concerns about the dog being a major distraction to therapy?
- What management issues need to be addressed with a dog in school/hospital/clinic?
- As a therapist, how do you incorporate a dog into your sessions?
- How do dogs help patients manage behaviors?
- Do you have any clinic/hospital/school dog handling tips?
- Are you ready to handle a Canine Companion for Independence Facility Dog?
- How do you get a Canine Companion for Independence Facility Dog?
- Conclusion.

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