# Dogs Victoria Therapy Dogs



The Dogs Victoria Therapy Dogs Committee is a small but dedicated committee of volunteers who with their own dogs visit a variety of places around Victoria.

There is a wide variety of dogs from Corgis to Great Danes and includes Rottweilers, German Shepherds, Poodles and Labradors.

These dogs have been well socialised from early puppyhood ie Puppy Vet School, going to shopping strips, farmers markets and meeting people in a positive environment. This combined with some basic obedience, sit, stay and walking quietly on a leash are the markings of a great therapy dog.

Dogs are able to deal with unusual situations and the likes of wheelchairs, walking frames, hospital and rehab equipment all the while being friendly without being boisterous.

The owner/handlers should too possess certain people skills and be sensitive to the ways of elderly and the unwell.

### **Therapy Dogs:**

- Visit Aged Care Facilities
- Visit Hospitals
- Provide support to children during school times: especially reading, VCE Cramming Sessions
- Host Therapy Dog Sessions each year at the Melbourne University Student Medical Doctors Annual Conference
- Attending Expos and Festivals

#### Interested in therapy dogs? Further information can be obtained from Dogs Victoria Therapy Dogs Committee chair

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