



# THERAPY DOGS

## Companionship, Comfort, and Community Support

Therapy dogs are specially trained animals that provide comfort, emotional support, and therapeutic interaction in hospitals, schools, rehabilitation centers, and community environments.

<p><b><i>Role and Interaction</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Emotional Impact</i></b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comfort during medical care</li> <li>• Assist children learning</li> <li>• Support elderly care</li> <li>• Help in trauma situations</li> </ul>	<p>Therapy dogs help reduce stress, anxiety, and depression while improving emotional stability.</p>
<p><b><i>Physical Benefits</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Social Benefits</i></b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower blood pressure</li> <li>• Reduced pain perception</li> <li>• Improved relaxation</li> </ul>	<p>Encourage communication and emotional regulation in individuals and children.</p>
<p><b><i>Applications</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Global Use</i></b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School reading programs</li> <li>• Hospital support</li> <li>• Community wellness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK: Dementia care</li> <li>• Canada: Stress reduction</li> <li>• Australia: Trauma recovery</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Key Distinctions</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Closing Note</i></b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Therapy Dogs: Multiple people</li> <li>• Service Dogs: One individual</li> <li>• Emotional Support: No formal training</li> </ul>	<p>Therapy dogs enhance emotional, physical, and social well-being. Genesis Mission of Hope integrates such approaches into holistic care.</p>