

PET THERAPY

McLaren Hospice provides pet therapy for patients who reside in assisted living or skilled nursing facilities. Visits are made by request of patients and their families.

Well-behaved canines of all breeds and sizes lend a calming presence to hospice patients, their families and loved ones. Each dog must successfully complete training through Therapy Dog International (TDI) or an equivalent therapy program and have proof of current inoculations. The pet owner is also required to complete 14 hours of hospice volunteer training.

Patients who benefit from pet therapy:

- Experience a sense of comfort, warmth, and normalcy
- Relax and release feelings of anxiety and depression
- Respond to non-verbal communication and a loving touch
- Look forward to their next visit

For more information, please contact the volunteer coordinator in your area:

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Bay City: 989-316-4349
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