



Groves Memorial
Community Hospital

THERAPY DOGS



OUR PROGRAM

In partnership with St. John's Ambulance (SJA), Groves Memorial Community Hospital will be offering dog therapy for patients and staff to enjoy the therapeutic value of animal visitation.

Therapy dog teams will be supported by the Elder Life Specialist or Social Worker once they have completed training with SJA.

WANT A VISIT?

Let your nurse know
you're interested!





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PATIENT ENROLLMENT

EXCEPTIONS

The SJA Therapy Dog Program reaches people across Canada to bring comfort, joy and companionship to community members who are sick, lonely or reside in various health or educational facilities. Through petting, affection, & regular visitation, many people benefit physically & emotionally from the unconditional love of a dog, while also providing the volunteer with a unique and rewarding experience.

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Staff, patients or family can refer in-patients for a visit by contacting the Elder Life Specialist or Social Worker. Patients or designates must consent to the visit and the patient must not meet any of the exclusion criteria.

Therapy Dog visits are excluded for patients:

- requiring additional precautions (contact, droplet etc.)
- with invasive devices (IVs, Central lines etc.)
- with open/undressed wounds
- vulnerable individuals (labouring mothers, newborns or as assessed by CRL, MRN or MD)
- who are immune compromised with infection risk