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# Animals

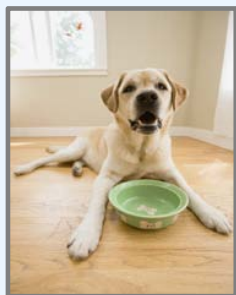
## Animals that help



**Service animals**, like dogs, miniature horses, and capuchin monkeys, help people with physical disabilities.



**Therapeutic riding horses** help people with a wide range of disabilities who can benefit physically, mentally, and emotionally from therapeutic horseback riding.



**Therapy dogs** visit nursing homes, hospitals, and places where people might feel sad or lonely. The dogs provide comfort for people.

## Animals in need

Some animals are homeless because they are lost, abandoned, or never had a home. Animal shelters take care of them. The shelters provide food, safety, and medical care. They also help animals find new homes.

### People in need

**Parkinson's disease** can make it hard for people to stand. Miniature horses can support them or pull their wheelchairs.

People who are **paralyzed** from injuries or illness are helped by capuchin monkeys that grasp or move things for them.

People who have **epilepsy** can take better care of themselves if they have an alert dog that warns them that a seizure is coming.

People who are **blind** or **deaf** can get around more safely if they have a guide dog.

## Facts

- 5 to 7 million animals enter shelters every year (ASPCA 2011)
- It costs over \$40,000 to raise and train a guide dog (Service Dog Central 2011)
- A large dog eats \$235 worth of food every year. For a cat, it's \$115. (ASPCA 2011)
- Volunteer therapy pets do not require formal training. The Visiting Pet Program of New Orleans, for example, only requires a short, \$10 orientation.

## How can you help?

Fundraise for Pennies for Puppies® through The Seeing Eye.

Collect food, toys, and other supplies for animals in need.

Create "Pet Owners Wanted" poster for local animal shelters.



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