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# The Power of Pets

Meet Peter.

He is a rabbit that helps people feel better.

How?

Peter is a **therapy animal**.

He visits people who are sick or feeling sad.



therapy  
animal

Petting and playing with Peter can cheer them up.

Peter the  
therapy rabbit



# Furry Helpers

Therapy animals can be rabbits, cats, or dogs.

They all have an important job.

They visit people to make them feel better.

Some go to hospitals to comfort **patients.**



Others work mainly in **nursing homes** to cheer up elderly people.

Some even help kids do better in school.



patient

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# Therapy Cats, Dogs, and Rabbits

Peter the therapy rabbit has an important job.

He comforts people who are sick, lonely, or sad by snuggling with them. Look inside to learn all about therapy animals, including how these amazing rabbits, cats, and dogs are trained, how they help people feel better—and can even help children learn to read!

**Animal Actors**

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