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Meet a Therapy Dog

I'm a therapy dog.

I help children
in hospitals feel
better.



Woof!





Therapy dog

Therapy dogs cheer
up people who are
sick or sad.

Our owners take us
to hospitals.

There we give the
kids big, wet kisses.

This makes them
happy.

Cats and birds
can also be
therapy animals.





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Therapy Dogs



Woof! I'm a therapy dog. Dogs like me help people feel better. Look inside to learn all about the important jobs we do. From making sick people feel better to helping children read, we are always hard at work!

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