

## Responsive Chord on Pets and Therapy

I just read your editorial on "animal-facilitated therapy" in the new issue of the *Journal*, and I wanted to applaud your efforts! The pet therapy bandwagon has become so crowded and filled with sentimental supporters that it's hard to get anyone to discuss the issue rationally. We've been facing the added frustration of dealing with local shelters that are shifting funds and personnel from their humane education programs to begin or expand "pet therapy" programs. Not to mention all the shelter puppies that are being dragged from nursing home to nursing home!

Good to hear another voice crying in the wilderness.

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