



## Care and welfare of PAT dogs & PAT cats on Pets As Therapy visits [2]

Check with the staff if any patients/clients present any particular risks to me.



Some volunteers take hand wipes with them on visits - so that they can offer them to people to wipe their hands after patting me.



Please find out where I can go to the toilet at the establishment & ask where hand-washing facilities are located for you.

Be alert for dropped tablets or other medication on the floor. It is useful to teach me a "leave" command.



Make sure I've got plenty of water to drink - it is thirsty work being a PAT dog or cat and these establishments are so hot!!



Check whether anyone in the establishment has any fears, phobias or allergies of dogs or cats.

PAT dogs and PAT cats should enjoy and not just tolerate their visits. Be alert for signs of stress and finish the visit if your animal is showing these signs.

Keep me on a dog lead or cat harness during the visit and keep me with you at all times - it's for my own safety!

Take some of my usual treats on visits so that you can give them to people who wish to feed me. No biscuits, sweets or chocolate please!



PAT visiting can be very tiring for me - please finish the visit if you can see I am getting tired and make sure I have time to rest.

