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12. SUPPORTING A RESEARCH STUDENT WITH PETS AS THERAPY

About research with the Charity

- ❖ Conducting research is a new venture for Pets As Therapy but a much needed one
- ❖ Good quality research helps to validate the benefits that we all intuitively know contact with PAT dogs & PAT cats can bring
- ❖ Research project findings also help us to attract important funding
- ❖ We receive enquiries from students studying a range of courses, including animal behaviour and welfare, nursing, occupational therapy and others
- ❖ As well as supporting students, the Charity is also committed to undertaking its own in-house research. We have just completed a project evaluating the effectiveness of Pets As Therapy volunteer and PAT dog teams in the alleviation of childhood dog phobia

How do I support a research student?

- ❖ Volunteers are needed in all areas of the UK
- ❖ Please let the Charity's Research & Training Manager know if you would be willing to support a student (see below)
- ❖ Students must complete a detailed project outline form & submit their methodology **before** a project is given approval
- ❖ You will be sent a letter & information sheet about the student's project if you agree to support them
- ❖ You will also be given detailed information about the project to take to your establishment with a request for their permission to conduct research
- ❖ You will be asked to complete an evaluation form
- ❖ If a student approaches you directly with a request to accompany you on your visits, please would you also let us know

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