



## PREPARING FOR A PETS AS THERAPY VISIT [2] THE FIRST VISIT

- ❖ Wherever possible your **Area Co-ordinator** or a **Buddy** (an experienced PAT Visitor) will accompany you on your first visit
  - Find out who your local buddy is by contacting the **Placements Officer**, Vanessa Bonner on **01895 904607**
  - The first visit can be very tiring and demanding, but they do get easier with time!
- ❖ The new **Guidelines for Establishments** are sent out to all new establishments and all establishments who join as Supporters of the Charity
  - If your establishment does not have a copy of these guidelines, please contact Vanessa Bonner, who will be happy to send one out for you.
  - Take a copy of the **Pets As Therapy Welcome and Introductory Information**. Download it from the website or contact Alison Reynolds for a copy on **01524 380437** or **areynolds@petsastherapy.org**

### ESTABLISHMENT REQUIREMENTS

#### Further references and checks

- ❖ Some establishments require **further references, special police checks (CRB checks) or occupational health interviews**.
  - If these are mandatory, please abide by the establishments requirements should you wish to visit there

#### Health & Safety

- ❖ Please ask each establishment to give you details of their **Health and Safety** procedures and any other regulations that apply.
  - Ask us for a copy of the **Pets As Therapy Welcome and Introductory Information** to take to the establishment

#### Safety & Security

- ❖ Please ensure that you **wear your PAT photo ID** at all times when visiting and **any other security badges** that may be required by the establishment

### PAPERWORK, PAPERWORK!

On your **first visit**, please always take with you the **PAT 7** form

- Complete the appropriate part and ask the authorised contact at the establishment to complete the rest and sign the reverse
- Both you and the establishment should keep a copy and one copy should be returned to the Registration Office for our records.