



8. The care and welfare of PAT dogs & PAT cats - Pre-visit considerations

Please don't take me on a Pets As Therapy visit if I am unwell - I might behave differently if I don't feel well



Don't take me when I am in season

Make sure my vaccinations and worming/flea treatment are up to date



Please make sure I'm clean before I go on a visit and please make sure my PAT coat and ID are clean too

Remember to take a towel for me if I'm one of the drooly breeds!



Please exercise me before I go on a Pets As Therapy visit



Don't leave me in the car, especially when it's hot

"The Five Freedoms"
The rights of all domestic animals in the service of man

- Freedom from hunger & thirst
- Freedom from discomfort
- Freedom from pain, injury & disease
- Freedom to express normal patterns of behaviour
- Freedom from fear & distress

Animals used in therapeutic ways should also be given these freedoms



Check with the establishment that they don't have any notifiable diseases on the wards before I visit