PAWS ACROSS TEXAS Visit  11-28-18

Virginia and her therapy dogs have been coming to Jo Kelly since 1988. In the last few years these visits have been with Saydee, Ladee, Izzee and Maggie.

Today it  was Abbee’s turn to visit!

**WHAT IS ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY**

**(Pet Therapy)?**

This form of therapeutic modality is the introduction of an animal into the immediate environment of an individual or group, as a medium for interaction for the purpose of causing physical, psychosocial, or emotional responses. Other names of the same format are animal-facilitated therapy, pet-facilitated therapy, pet-assisted therapy, or companion-animal-assisted therapy.

Research has shown that many humans have a natural love for animals. Some have pets as companion animals for emotional support, stress relief, companionship when alone, entertainment, sport, or sociability. If properly utilized, this bonding furnishes a format for responsive interactions not otherwise possible by other human stimuli.



**Virginia and Abbee**