**Animal Therapy Book Resource List**

## [Therapy Dogs Today: Their Gifts, Our Obligation, 2nd Edition](http://www.amazon.com/Therapy-Dogs-Today-Their-Obligation-ebook/dp/B00HQ6Q1E0/ref=sr_1_10?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1421620450&sr=1-10&keywords=therapy+dog+training+books" \o "Therapy Dogs Today: Their Gifts, Our Obligation, 2nd Edition)

By [Kris Butler](http://www.amazon.com/Kris-Butler/e/B00GEAXO62/ref=sr_ntt_srch_lnk_10?qid=1421620450&sr=1-10)

Therapy Dogs Today explores the complex issues that surround the environments in which therapy dogs do their jobs. TDT2 is a must-read for anyone who wants to learn more about the impact that therapy dogs can have on the human healing process - and the impact that same process can have on the dogs. 2013.

**Therapy Dogs: Training Your Dog to Help Others**  
by Kathy Diamond Davis  
Provides guidelines for selecting, socializing, and training dogs to do therapy work as part of a group and by themselves for people with special needs. Offers practical instructions for owners on handling a dog as part of a human-dog team. 2002.

## [The Pet Partners Team Training Manual: A Delta Society Program for Animal-Assisted Activities and Therapy](http://www.amazon.com/Partners-Team-Training-Manual-Animal-Assisted/dp/1889785229/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1421620713&sr=8-1&keywords=pet+partners" \o "The Pet Partners Team Training Manual: A Delta Society Program for Animal-Assisted Activities and Therapy)

By Delta Society for Animal-Assisted Active and Maggie Tai Tucker. 2002.

**101 Creative Ideas for Animal Assisted Therapy**

By Stacy Grove

This book is packed with 190 pages of step-by-step instructions for 101 practical animal-assisted therapy activities and interventions. There is also an index that correlates the activates with a myriad of goals in the areas of physical therapy, occupational therapy, mental health, social skills, educational skills, speech therapy, and recreational therapy. 2010.

**Where the Trail Grows Faint: A Year in the Life of a Therapy Dog Team**  
by Lynne Hugo  
Writer recounts nursing home visits with her therapy dog Hannah, a Labrador retriever. Describes the ways Hannah soothed patients and elicited their personal accounts of life, love, and the challenges of growing older. Interweaves patients' experiences with those of her own family and meditations on aging. 2005.

[**Animal Assisted Therapy Activities to Motivate and Inspire**](http://www.amazon.com/Assisted-Therapy-Activities-Motivate-Inspire/dp/0976696584/ref=lh_ni_t?ie=UTF8&psc=1&smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER)

By Nancy Lind

Animal Assisted Therapy Activities to Motivate and Inspire is an excellent resource for pet therapy teams, educators, and therapists. Professionals will benefit from the clearly outlined instructions with educational and clinical application. 2009.n 200….=suggestions from Nancy Lind, a pioneer in the area of Pet Therapy. 2009.

**Until Tuesday: A Wounded Warrior and the Golden Retriever Who Saved Him**  
by Luis Carlos Montalván with Bret Witter  
Former army captain recalls returning stateside with numerous physical injuries—including traumatic brain injury—and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) after two tours in Iraq. Describes acquiring a service dog named Tuesday and ways the canine helped him recover. 2011.

**Chelsea: The Story of a Signal Dog**  
by Paul Ogden  
Ogden, a deaf professor, discusses the loving working relationship he and his wife have with Chelsea, the professional signal dog they received from Canine Companions for Independence (CCI). Impressed by CCI's integrity and training methods, Ogden describes the initial two-week orientation, the tasks signal dogs are trained to perform, and the unique quirks that developed as the couple's relationship with Chelsea grew. 1992.

**Paws and Effect: The Healing Power of Dogs**  
by Sharon R. Sakson  
American Kennel Club dog-show judge reflects on the emotional and spiritual support dogs provide to their human companions in times of ill health and other crises. Recounts instances of dogs calming autistic children, evoking memories for Alzheimer's patients, assisting in physical therapy, and alerting people with epilepsy to impending seizures. 2007.

**Sound Friendships: The Story of Willa and Her Hearing Ear Dog**  
by Elizabeth Yates  
The Hearing Ear Dog program was begun in 1975 to assist deaf and severely hearing impaired persons. Dogs are trained to recognize ordinary household sounds (smoke alarms, doorbells) and more specific individual needs (owner's name, crying baby). The success of the program is shown in this story of Willa and her dog Honey. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1987.

#### Children's Books

**Mom's Best Friend**  
by Sally Hobart Alexander  
Leslie, her dad, and her brother lose a great family pet when Marit dies. But her mom Sally, who is blind, loses her favorite mode of travel. Finding cane travel difficult, and "going sighted guide" confining, Sally returns to Seeing Eye for another guide dog. Leslie tells of her mother's hard work in training Ursula at Seeing Eye, the family's adjustment while she is away, and the continuing training when she returns. For grades 2-4. 1992.

**Maggie by My Side**  
by Beverly Butler  
When the author's beloved guide dog Una dies, she decides to get another, her fifth since losing her sight at the age of fourteen. Describes her experiences at Pilot Dogs, a facility in Ohio where she trained with her new dog, Maggie. For grades 4-7. 1987.

**Greff, the Story of a Guide Dog**  
by Patricia Curtis  
The life of a yellow Labrador retriever from the night of his birth through his training at the Guide Dog Foundation, where he is introduced to the young blind man whose guide dog he will be. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1982.

**Hanni and Beth: Safe and Sound**  
by Beth Finke  
Seeing Eye dog Hanni describes her routine duties to guide and protect her partner Beth, a woman who is blind. Both Hanni and Beth provide personal notes about their background. For grades K-3. ASPCA award. 2007.

**Ocho Loved Flowers by Anne Fontaine**

Annie puts trust, love, and intuition into action when she learns how to say goodbye to her beloved cat, Ocho. 2007

**Morris and Buddy: The Story of the First Seeing Eye Dog**  
by Becky Hall  
Account of twenty-year-old Morris Frank, who was blinded in a boxing accident. Describes his trip from Tennessee to Switzerland in 1928 to become the first American owner of a seeing-eye dog, whom he named Buddy. Discusses training processes and Morris's mission to bring canine guides to the United States. For grades 3-6. 2007.

**Helping Paws: Dogs That Serve**  
by Melinda Luke  
Explains why dogs are useful to people such as ranchers, policemen, and rescue teams. Discusses service dogs—guide dogs for the blind, alert dogs for the deaf, and therapy dogs for disabled people, among others. For grades 2-4. 2001.