

PET THERAPY

The Benefits in Schools



Mental Health & Learning Components

- Reduces anxiety and stress
- Increases self confidence
- Diminishes feelings of loneliness
- Creates motivation and enthusiasm to learn
- Encourages communication
- Reduces boredom
- Provides for a nonjudgmental experience
- Helps children overcome disabilities or challenges such as
 - Speech
 - Literacy
 - Emotional or Behavioral

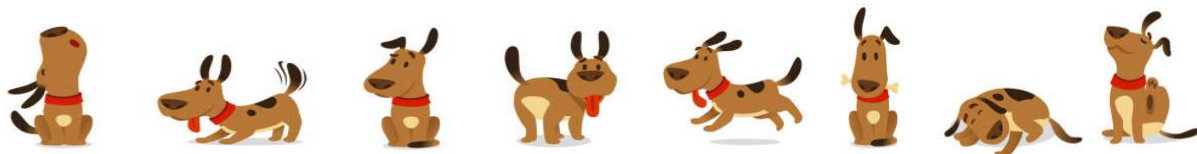
Physical Therapy

- Provides motivation to move and stretch
- Increases fine and large motor skills
- Lifts spirits to practice exercises
- Lowers blood pressure and releases endorphins which produce a calming effect
- Diminishes overall physical discomfort

MAUDE'S STORY



A Rescue Dog with A Big Heart



Maude was dropped off at Chasing Daylight Animal Shelter with four other dogs. She eventually found her way into the hearts and home of the O'Brien's.

Maude's owner Josie grew up in Tomah and struggled with reading throughout her elementary years and still has difficulty spelling at times.

Maude's owner Charlie is the Tomah High School Band director. Together Josie and Charlie have made it a priority to use Maude's unconditional love for people and her ability to decrease student's anxiety.

We're excited to positively impact the Tomah Area School District with Maude's one of a kind approach to learning.