

Supplementary Materials

Table S1: Therapy Animal Quality of Life Scale

Place a check mark for what is most accurate for your therapy animal at the current moment. The healthy animal should be free of clinical disease or pain.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	
Sociability The animal is engaged, seeks attention, and stays engaged with people						
Enthusiasm for work The animal appears excited to travel, wear any working apparel/equipment, or observe any cues that he/she is going to work						
Playfulness The animal spontaneously engages in play						
Energy level The animal exhibits an appropriate level of energy for the activity he/she is engaging in						
Rest The animal sleeps with ease and appears alert and well rested when awake						
Mobility The animal walks, runs, jumps, rises, and lies down with ease						
Appetite The animal has a regular and consistent appetite						
Predictable eliminations The animal urinates and defecates when expected without accidents or incontinence						
Obedience The animal responds to commands immediately and consistently						
Minimal displays of stress signals The animal does not exhibit signs of stress (ie., excessive lip licking, yawning, pacing, crouching, circling, whale eye, paw lifting) during work or rest						
Total number of checks						
Multiply by	0	2.5	5	7.5	10	Total
Total	+	+	+	+	=	

The survey should be taken while the animal is in optimal working capacity to provide a baseline score and then retaken when retirement is in question. The maximum total score is 100. A decrease of 25% or more from baseline score warrants consideration for cessation of work and retirement.