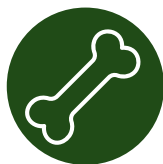




Canines For Kids

At Children's, some of our most popular caretakers are known for their warm, furry hugs. Our facility dogs are specially trained to provide animal-assisted therapy to our patients. Our dogs not only give love and comfort, they also aid clinical teams in their goals of providing treatment to kids.



Canines For Kids is a goal-directed program that helps patients cope, heal and achieve treatment goals during hospitalization through animal-assisted therapy.



Facility dogs provide consistent comfort and emotional support to patients and families, helping to reduce stress, ease anxiety, and create meaningful moments of connection as they navigate their medical journeys.



By encouraging participation in therapy and care, our facility dogs help patients make progress toward treatment goals such as walking farther, building strength, or learning how to take medicine.



Facility dogs provide comfort and healthy distraction during procedures, tests, and treatments, helping to lower anxiety and promote a positive hospital experience.

Children's currently has 16 facility dogs working across our healthcare system!

Each facility dog is dedicated to a specific patient population or team, allowing them to provide specialized support.

These include:

Rehab

ICU

Oncology

Palliative Care

BMH

Pain

The Canines For Kids program is 100% donor-funded. Your support enables us to continue to provide this special service to our patients and their families.

Keep up with our facility dogs on Instagram
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