



## UNIT APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Peata Visiting Scheme aims to bring some of the many benefits and pleasures of contact with pets to the residents and staff of caring units. Each Visiting Team, a handler and pet, visits the unit on a regular basis, as these visits are an event for residents to look forward to and share with one another afterwards.

The Visiting Scheme brings enjoyment and satisfaction to both the recipients and the volunteer visitors, and the pets love all the extra attention and admiration. The staff in the units also appreciate the benefits the visits bring to those for whom they care.

All units must be members of Peata to be covered by our insurance, and should first complete and submit the Unit Application Form. The annual subscription is currently €20.

Peata Visiting Teams, both handler and pet, are assessed and approved for suitability to carry out their visits constructively and in a non-disruptive manner to the daily routine of the unit.

Successful teams are matched with a suitable unit, which has applied to Peata for the Visiting Service. This can sometimes take some time to arrange depending on the availability of a suitable Visiting Team in the area.

Peata teams are insured against third party risks in the course of their visits, subject to payment of the annual subscription.

In accordance with the Recruitment and Selection Procedures issued by the Dept. of Health and Children that are used by the majority of Caring Units that we service, Garda clearance is obtained for all our volunteers.