

# Further Reading

**This section contains information on further reading.**

**The Following National Documents make useful reading:**

Animal Welfare Laws

Dangerous Dogs Act

The regulation of companion animal services in relation  
to training and behaviour modification of dogs

Animal Welfare Act 2006

NSPCC. Understanding the links between child abuse,  
animal abuse and domestic violence

## Useful information

### The Society of Companion Animals Studies (SCAS)

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Burford  
Oxon  
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Website: [www.scas.org.uk](http://www.scas.org.uk)  
Tel: 01993 825597

### The Delta Society

[www.deltasociety.org](http://www.deltasociety.org)

### DEFRA (Department for Environment, food and Rural Affairs)

Tel: 08459 335577  
Email: [helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk)

### Pets As Therapy (PAT)

Website: [www.petsastherapy.org](http://www.petsastherapy.org)  
Tel: 01844 345445  
Email: [reception@petsastherapy.org](mailto:reception@petsastherapy.org)

### Animal Care College

Website: [www.animalcarecollege.co.uk](http://www.animalcarecollege.co.uk)  
Tel: 01344 636436

### Books and Reading

- Enhancing Human Occupation Through Hippotherapy: A guide for Occupational Therapy by J.Engel, J MacKinnon
- Animal Assisted Therapy-A guide for professional counsellors, school counsellors, social workers and educators. By Lynda King
- Animal Assisted Therapy-Theoretical Foundations and Guidance for Practice by Aubrey Fine.
- Animal Assisted Therapy in Counselling by Cynthia K Chandler
- Between Pets and People, The Importance of Animal Companionship by Alan Beck and Aaron Katcher.
- Animal Rights and Human Morality by Bernard E Rollin
- Therapeutic Interventions
- Standards of Practice
- Animals in Residential Facilities  
All by Delta Society

## Useful Products

### Shaws Paw Wax For Dogs

Helps prevent damage from gravel, asphalt, ice, snow, roads treated with salt and all hard surfaces. It provides grip on smooth or slippery surfaces and helps protect a dog's paws all year round. **Cost £3.99**

### Vetzyme Veterinary Ointment

Vetzyme Veterinary Ointment is for use around insect bites, minor cuts and grazes. Suitable for dogs, cats and small pets. **Cost £3-5**

### Johnsons Tea Tree Antiseptic Skin Cream

Antiseptic, soothing and promotes natural healing - for dogs, cats and other pets. **Cost £4**

### Skin-eze

A soothing cream, containing Precipitated Sulphur and various other natural ingredients in a soft oily base to aid the relief of symptoms of minor skin affections. Suitable for dogs, cats, small animals and cage birds. **Cost £4**

### Small Animal Shampoo

A special mild, non-irritant shampoo for pet rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets, etc. Gently cleans and deodorises and contains a natural insect repellent to help to repel fleas, mites, etc. **Cost £2-£5**

### Anti-Parasite Spot On for Rabbits and Guinea Pigs

Anti-Parasite Spot On for Rabbits and Guinea Pigs by Beaphar is the quick and easy way to treat and protect your pet against lice, mange and other mites and roundworms. Each pack contains two pipettes which provides up to 4 weeks cover. Suitable for rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets and rats. **Cost £7.00**

### Johnsons Fly Strike Protector

Johnsons Fly Strike Protector helps to protect against fly strike, keeps pets free from flies and also kills fleas, lice etc... For use on small animals. **Cost £5**

### Four Paws Natures Reptile Protector.

Eliminates problems caused by mites and ticks. Veterinarian recommended. For use on reptiles and their habitats. Keeps reptiles free of mites and ticks. **Cost £7**

## Crisis Response Dogs

### “Therapy Dogs Make the Best Crisis Response Pet Practitioners”

Therapy dogs can be especially helpful as part of a crisis response team. They offer a sense of normalcy to a very abnormal situation.

Seeing and interacting with something familiar like a dog can provide reassurance that, although the world has been turned upside down, somehow things are going to be okay. Thus, the therapy dog is a powerful grounding mechanism for a client in crisis. The therapy dog can provide safe, unconditional, nurturing touch and affection at a time when it is needed the most to comfort the victims and survivors of tragedy.

Being social animals, dogs have a fairly constant natural smile and tail wag that are universally known by all as friendly canine gestures; these gestures can relieve tension in the observer. Several studies have shown that the presence of a dog or another type of companion animal can help reduce the physiological stress response and alleviate anxiety and distress, thus petting a therapy dog can soothe rattled nerves.

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