

# CLASSROOM PETS HELP CHILDREN REALIZE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

**The importance of the human-animal bond knows no bounds.** Whether you own a pet or not, animal companionship can help keep us healthy and improve our quality of life. With the help of a strong human-animal bond, children can develop into their best selves.



**Animals can help improve students' academic performance and attitudes toward school.<sup>1</sup>** A set of friendly, furry ears can provide the confidence boost children need to feel secure while reading aloud in the classroom. Research shows that for some children, animal-assisted reading programs can even improve reading comprehension.<sup>2</sup>



In and out of the classroom, the human-animal bond can decrease social anxiety and increase positive social behaviours, leading to better social integration.<sup>3,4</sup> Pets can help children to develop and flourish socially. Bonding with an animal can help children to realize their full potential.



The human-animal bond has been studied for decades, and the research is clear: a healthy pet in your life can keep you healthy, and the more you take care of your pet's health the more your pet takes care of you.

**Keep the human-animal bond strong. Make an appointment to check up on your pet's health today!**

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