

## Jimmy's PetPals

Age Requirements

No Age Requirement

Intake Process

Call the office if you know someone who might benefit from the program.

Provider Refer

Yes

Report Problems

Call the Agency

Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital

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Fee Structure

Fee Range

Payment Method(s)

Private Pay

Languages Spoken

English

Jimmy's PetPals is a companion pet program developed at Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital to help patients with dementia have a better experience while hospitalized. The PetPals are Hasboro® "Joy for all Companion Pets;" life-like robotic dogs and cats that pant, bark, turn their heads, wag their tails, purr, meow, and roll over." Any hospital staff member caring for a patient with Alzheimer's disease or dementia who is agitated, combative or depressed can obtain a dog or cat companion pet to give

to the patient in an effort to improve the patient and caregiver experience. Named in memory of the original patient, Jimmy's PetPals have benefited 30 patients at Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital so far. Clinicians and hospital staff have expressed that Jimmy's PetPals has reduced the use of patient restraints and improve patients' demeanors.

Service Area(s)

Albemarle County

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Charlottesville City