

Simulated Pets

Activity:	What needs to be set up:	When	Desired outcome
<p>Simulated Pet</p> <p>*Consider reading DSA's supporting document 'The use of simulated pets in dementia care' before introducing this resource to a person with dementia*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robotic Cat or Dog depending on the persons preferences. It may be helpful to contact NOK. • ALWAYS avoid sharing the pet with other residents due to infection control. • Consider observing the resident to identify which mode the pet should be set to (On/Mute/Off) based on the resident's reaction to the pet. • The On/Mute/Off switch is located underside of the pet. • Staff are encouraged to initiate conversation with the person about their pet during interactions. • It is recommended to treat the pet as if it is real. 	<p>When someone is showing early signs of anxiety, boredom, restlessness, or distress.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>If the resident is comforted by being with the pet.</p>	<p>Having ownership of, or being 'visited' by a pet may create feelings of comfort, security, and consistency for the person.</p> <p>The person may respond positively to the pet's noise and movements which may also increase their wellbeing and feelings of contentment and reduce feelings of anxiety and distress.</p>

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