

Staff enjoy pet therapy

It has been documented in numerous articles how beneficial it is for hospital staff to receive pet therapy. This is also true for the staff at the Medical Center. The pet therapy program was originally developed to benefit patients and their families while at the Medical Center, but it was soon discovered that the hospital staff enjoyed the visits, too. It is amazing to see how the pet therapy dogs bring out so many smiles on so many of the hospital staff faces when they appear in the units. Smidgen regularly visits in the MICU and the staff has gotten to know her just as well as she has gotten to know them. According to Smidgen's owner, Nan, Smidgen always looks forward to her visits in MICU with the staff, patients, visitors, and anyone else who wants to give her some attention. Dr. Rizvi, medicine residents, and Jeanne Beckley, the MICU secretary, enjoy time with Smidgen.

