

Cats and Seniors

Definitive proof that a loving, healthy relationship with a pet improves quality of life.

By Brad Kollus

Moochie, a cat participating in an animal-assisted therapy program, visited a hospital where an elderly man with terminal cancer was in a coma. The man had not responded to anyone's contact. Donna Williamson, Moochie's owner, put the cat on the comatose man's bed and rubbed the cat against his face. To everyone's astonishment, the man awoke from the coma, pulled his arms from under the sheets and pet Moochie. Can cats have similar effects on the health of older adults in our society?

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