# A&M vet students loan dogs for new 'Pet Pals' program

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Reporter

A group of Texas A&M veterinary students and their dogs visited the Crestview Retirement Commu-

nity Saturday as part of the newly es-tablished "Pet Pals" program.

Garry Reece, second year veteri-nary student and chairman of the program, said the pets are important therapy because they present out-side stimulation for the residents, some of whom rarely or never have

"We use the pets to try to make their life a little more exciting," he

To participate in the program, pets must fulfill the necessary health requirements and be registered in Brazos County. The pet must be approved by a committee member be-fore being allowed to participate in visitation. It is not necessary to be a veterinary student or even to own a pet in order to participate, Reece said.

Sarah Cliver, Crestview activity director, said she is pleased with the pet visitation and is seeing results al-ready. People who don't talk much have shown more reaction than they normally do, she said.

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dogs and asked questions about their diets and coats. She wondered if is because they recognize people. Some of the dogs would shed some fur or have it clipped before warm weather set in because she didn't ple on the end of the leash.



Photo by SCOTT SUTHERLAND

Doug Lange and his dog, Ben, visit Saturday with Florence Simon in Bryan's Crestview Retirement Home.

is introduced into a setting with the purpose of improving the physical, mental and social health of the individuals involved," McCulloch said.

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their nature, but it is really impressive when someone who can't even feed himself reaches out to touch a dog," she said.

"People have the need to nurrure and hug something — the need for touch is always there from childhood," McCulloch said.

pets (especially dogs) are important

He said the residents enjoy seeing

want them to get too hot.

"The whole package is really significant — the pets as well as the had pets all my life and I miss not people provide a social kind of inter-

but a social facilitator — the animal took pictures of residents enjoying

"We are planning on putting up the pictures we are taking for the residents here to enjoy," she said. Residents who could not leave

their rooms and wanted to see the dogs were visited by a dog called a

A notebook was provided for stu-dents to write down their impressions and the reactions of the residents they visited. Reece said this notebook will help in evaluating the

Progress of the program.

Reece said the visits, conducted on Saturday mornings at 10 o'clock, will continue on a weekly basis. Possible changes include adding cats to the agenda and having the visits outside

having one," she said.

Dr. William McCulloch, professor of veterinary public health at A&M and sponsor of the "Pet Pals" program, said pets help break the ice and get people to open up because pets are not threatening, but loving.

"The pet in itself is not a cure-all," people provide a social kind of interface they really enjoy without the face they really enjoy without the wenther permits, he said.

The goals of the program are to improve the quality of life for Crestview residents, to improve the presentation and client relation skills of the participating students, and to promote the image of A&M and the veterinary profession.

# UT students gain right to distribute journal

**Associated Press** 

AUSTIN - A spokesman for a conservative student journal said Monday "everybody stands to benefit" from a court order allowing the journal to be distributed on the Uni-

versity of Texas campus.
On Friday, State District Judge
Bob Jones granted the Texas Review
Society, which publishes the Texas
Review, a temporary restraining order against the university.

John Colyandro, president and

tribution of any publication, which contains advertising, except the stu-dent newspaper, The Daily Texan. "Specifically, we could no longer distribute on the university's West

Mall," Colyandro said.

the journal are printed and distributed free by society members, half of those on the West Mall, and about 50

publisher of the 12-page review, told a press conference Monday that UT bars the unlimited, on-campus dis-Colyandro said.

"Our continued existence hinges on our ability to offset our publishing costs with paid advertising," Colyandro said. "In short, if we cannot distribute on the mall, we cannot educate other students, recruit new He said 4,600 to 5,000 copies of members or effectively compete in the marketplace of ideas.

After the society was informed it could only distribute the journal percent of the society's membership results from mall distribution.

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Colyandro said the TCLU "will conduct lawsuits free of charge and

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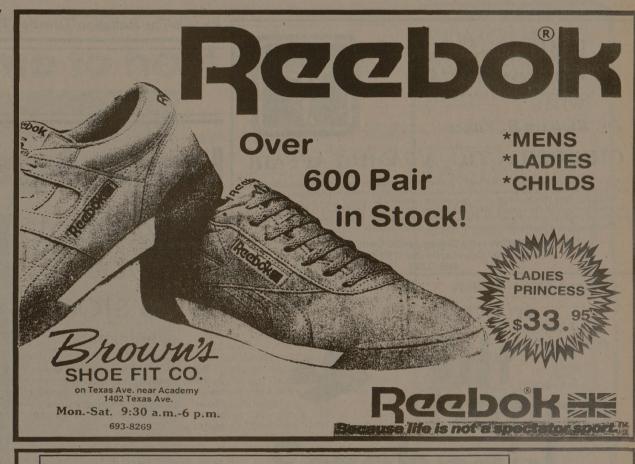
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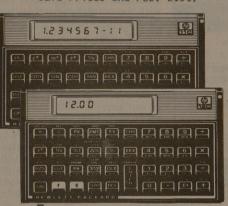


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