

# See Spot Read

The dogs in this program are trained therapy dogs who, together with their volunteer handlers, visit schools and libraries as reading companions for children.



## But why dogs?

It is often fear, and not intellect, that hinders a child's reading progress.

Animals are ideal reading partners because they:

- Help children relax

- Listen attentively

- Do not judge or criticize

- Let children read at their own pace

- Are less intimidating than children's peers

Children who participate in the See Spot Read program improve not only their reading and communication skills, but also build self-esteem, confidence and social skills.

Plus,

**Dogs love to be read to!**

