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Unconditional love on a lead

Stacey Thompson, Coordinator of Volunteer Resources at Resthaven, says, 'Resthaven is committed to people, the people we help, the people we employ and the people who help others by giving their valuable time to volunteer. Volunteering has been at the heart of Resthaven from the very beginning. There is so much volunteers do that makes a difference.'

'Volunteers are involved in a multitude of services, from those who support leisure and lifestyle programs, operate shops, drive the bus, facilitate knowledge programs, support wellness and 'Talk Back' programs, to those who provide individual one on one support.'

Volunteers, Felicity Perry and Angus (pictured right), love visiting residents at Resthaven Leabrook, something they have been doing for more than ten years.

'Angus is a sheltie; described as an outstanding, and intensely loyal companion dog. Shelties are lively, intelligent, trainable, and willing to please and obey.'

Together, Felicity and Angus look forward to sharing good times with the residents at Resthaven Leabrook. Many residents look forward to their visits, and it is a mutually rewarding experience.'

'Angus enjoys being patted, resting his jaw on a knee or two and having his tummy rubbed.'



'Shelties are loving and affectionate with their family, but may be aloof with strangers, so the opportunity for socialisation is important.'

'Not all pets are appropriate companions, and a self assessment offered by the Caring Canine Association helps us to ensure that a dog is suitable for visiting frail older people. The dogs need to be clean, well groomed, healthy and appropriately behaved.'

Resthaven volunteers meet the most courageous, outrageous, vulnerable, strong, tender, quiet, loud, direct, independent, dependent, challenging, wise and beautiful people.

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