



PET THERAPY

At Sri Arunodayam, we are one big, happy family - but what is a family without dogs!

A good friend of Sri Arunodayam gave us *Kittu*, a sweet natured white Labrador who is the current reigning star at the home! *Kittu* and the children have a natural empathy for each other, which is doing them all a world of good!

Kittu is now an integral part of play time. The children take him for walks and are familiar with his routine. He is very gentle with them and they are completely bowled over by him! He doesn't have to do much to be a star.

Kittu is regularly bathed and groomed by officially appointed caregivers. Our young adults at *Prayatna* (our vocational center) are now learning to assume the responsibilities of taking care of an animal. They will be able to handle this on their own soon enough.

Pet therapy has known therapeutic effects, but no science can measure the joy we feel when we experience the unconditional love of a dog. Truly, the dog is man's best friend!