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## Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Kindergarten-Grade 2-Dog lovers will delight in this photo essay about a pet with an unusual occupation. The positive message overcomes the unexciting, although adequate, prose as Calmenson describes the training necessary to turn her Tibetan terrier, Rosie, into a dog that visits hospital rooms, nursing homes, schools, and other institutions. The information about the therapeutic effect animals can have on the seriously ill or the elderly is conveyed most powerfully through the full-color photographs. Less obvious from the main text is how and why Calmenson and Rosie became involved in the program. The author's note following the essay and the book jacket supply some of the answers adults will need to respond to the inevitable questions the book will raise. Sutcliffe's photographs are well staged and for the most part correspond nicely to the text. It is unfortunate that Rosie is seen as almost miraculously successful in all of her visits, for this might raise some unrealistic expectations, but this is a minor shortcoming. Use this title with Susan Kuklin's *Mine for a Year* (Coward, 1984; o.p.), Dorothy Hinshaw Patent's *Maggie, a Sheep Dog* (Dodd, 1986; o.p.), or Susanne Haldane's *Helping Hands* (Dutton, 1991) for some different views of working animals.

*Linda Greengrass, Bank Street College Library, New York City*

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From [Booklist](#)

Ages 4-8. Author of such popular children's books as *The Principal's New Clothes* (1989), Calmenson here tells the story of her own dog, Rosie. Early on, Rosie proved to be a good listener and to have a friendly and happy disposition--all good indications that she was temperamentally suited to be a visiting dog, specially trained to cheer people who are ill or sad or lonely. Visiting dogs must learn when to sit quietly, when to play, and when to approach a new person; they must grow accustomed to wheelchairs, walkers, and other apparatuses they'll encounter at hospitals and nursing homes. Sutcliffe's masterfully composed photographs evince an eye for color, clarity, and balance as they document Rosie's puppyhood and early training, then capture spontaneous scenes of her at work with disabled children and despondent nursing-home residents. Accompanied by Calmenson's succinct yet sensitive descriptions of Rosie's varied work situations, each pictured visit attests to the joy and comfort Rosie brings to others. This is a close-up, valuable, and charming look at the contributions made by working dogs like Rosie. *Ellen Mandel*

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"The generous full and half-page photographs depict Rosie's...training and her interactions with the sick or disabled children and the elderly people she visits. The heartwarming encounters will satisfy readers of all ages. Calmenson closes her enthusiastic account of the work of 'therapy dogs' with the addresses of associations that can supply further information." *Horn Book*

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