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## Pets are the best medicine

#### **BY LESLYE M LAWSON** TALL OAKS

• o celebrate National Pet Day, a "fur-riendly" visit from Keira, a of pets into their community. 160-pound Mastiff, and Breeze, an 80-pound Golden Retriever. Rec- residents enjoyed the exercise and fectionate bear hug, Tall Oaks resognizing the value of pet therapy fellowship inspired by Keira and

in combating loneliness and isolation, reducing stress, and promoting overall wellness, Tall Oaks partners with PAL (People. Animals. Love.) Tall Oaks residents enjoyed to bring the joy and companionship

Gathered in the sunlit atrium,

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Ambassador Jim Fowler formed an jealous!" immediate bond with Keira. It was not long before they were nose to it up best, saying, "The visiting pet nose - much to the delight of the program has enhanced the sense of other residents.

After embracing Keira in an afident Florence Carson, exclaimed, neighbors."

Breeze. An avid dog-lover, Resident "[My dog] Bailey is going to be so

Resident Dana Durham summed community at Tall Oaks, helped to strengthen friendships, and allowed me to make memories with my

Tall Oaks resident Dana (top) kicks back with Breeze. while Florence (below) gives hugs and attention to both Keira and Breeze.

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