

## DESCRIPTION

Technological advances in recent years has seen the availability of interactive / robotic pets increase.

These range from very basic, to highly developed therapeutic robots (such as Paro the Seal).



## APPLICATIONS

For some people with advanced dementia, the interaction with a robot animal may improve wellbeing and offer companionship and sensory opportunities that may be otherwise unavailable.

It is important to consider the dignity of the person, and validate the emotions being expressed when using this type of technology. They are not a substitute for human interaction and engagement.

**Therapeutic Dolls & Mechanised Pets Guidelines see information sheet 2.00**

Disclaimer: This information is a guide only.

Alzheimer's WA Ltd does not endorse any of the manufacturers, suppliers or the use of any of the products featured. It is recommended that an assessment be sought from the Independent Living Centre or an Aged Care Assessment Team prior to purchasing Assistive Technology.

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### Purchasing information:

#### **BIG W, Kmart & Target**

FurReal Friends, Little Live Pets  
(prices range from \$20- \$199)

#### **Leef Independent Living Solutions**

Joy for All Companion Pets (cats & pup)  
Lifelike Sleeping Pets (cats & dogs)

(Prices range fro \$55-\$235)

Website : [www.leef.com.au](http://www.leef.com.au)

Email : [info@leef.com.au](mailto:info@leef.com.au)

Ph : (03) 9532-8622

#### **Fishpond**

Joy for All, FurReal, Little Live Pets,  
Lifelike Sleeping Pets, etc  
(Prices range from \$55—\$300)

Website : [www.fishpond.com.au](http://www.fishpond.com.au)

**PARO** - Highly advanced robotic PARO  
fur seal (approx \$6000)

Website: <http://paro.jp/english>

Australian/NZ supplier – Kowa Australia