Dissertation is concerned with canistherapy and its exploitation on special schools. The theoretical part of the thesis describes history of the relation between a human being and a dog. It explains in details what canistherapy means and where, who and how it helps. It examines separate elements of the canistherapy procedure, forms and activities, as well as methods of its application. Practical part of the thesis deals with the questionnaire sent to special schools in Prague. It also describes both a canistherapy utilization in various facilities and a form of examinations in canistherapy.