

The graduation thesis is devoted to therapeutic use of animals, especially in homes for seniors. The main objective of this work is mapping pet therapy in social care institutes for seniors in Czech Republic.

There are two parts of this graduation thesis – theoretical and practical. The basic terminology, origin and history of zootherapy, its forms and areas are explained in the theoretical parts of the thesis. The aim of this part was processed available knowledge's about zootherapy. Practical part is devoted to quantitative research about pet therapy in social care institutes for seniors in Czech Republic. The questionnaire for management of these institutions was established. The methodology of the work with animals and their breeding in social care institutes for seniors have been mapped on the basic of their response.

These results of the graduation thesis could be use as a basic for another empirical researches in this area. This work can be used for personal education of workers in social care institutes for seniors or for volunteers who are interested in this issue. The thesis can also bring zootherapy closer to the general public.