

Appendix 2.

Sample activity from traditional therapy and animal-assisted therapy.

Goal: Produce a phrase when given a noun.

Traditional Therapy: The client is shown a picture of an object and is asked to name it. Once the object is named, the clinician asks for a phrase containing the target word. The clinician cues the client if the client can not spontaneously say a phrase within 30 seconds. The clinician keeps the stack of stimuli on the table. Data are recorded with each trial.

Animal-Assisted Therapy: The stimuli cards are distributed throughout the room with a small piece of dog biscuit on top of each one. The client asks the dog to “find treat.” The clinician picks up the card from which the dog just ate the treat (or the dog may bring the card to the table), and asks the client to name it. Once the object is named, the clinician asks the client to tell the dog a phrase containing the target word. The clinician cues the client if the client can not spontaneously say a phrase within 30 seconds. Once the phrase is said or repeated, the dog barks or shakes the hand of the client to say “well done.” Data are recorded with each trial.