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# Participants Needed for Research Study Involving Robotic Pet

If you or a loved one, who is 55 or older, suffers from dementia, you could be eligible to participate in a pilot study designed to assess the acceptance and feasibility of pet robotic intervention (PRI) for people with dementia.

## Participant Requirements

- A person aged 55+ with dementia **and** their caregiver (who spends 20+ hours/week with them).
- Both must be willing to participate.

## Participation Involves

- **Use the robotic pet** at home for 4 weeks.
- **Caregivers:** Keep a brief journal (10-15 min/week) about the pet's use.
- **Biweekly check-ins:** We'll measure the participant's hydration and weight (15 min, private, at home).
- **Caregivers:** Answer short survey (15-20 min each) at the start and end.
- Total time: ~1-2 hours over 4 weeks.

## Benefits

Participation in this study will help researchers design future studies to use robotic pet interventions to improve health and well-being in people with dementia.

## For More Information

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