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# I Gave my Dog a Job – Mel Riley

**Resource Guide**

# About Mel

I am Mel Riley and let me introduce the dogs. The big fella is Max and we lost him just over a year ago and River is now head therapy dog and she continues to work with me.

We work with adults, children, and families in Private Practice. I have a passion for providing caring therapy that fits for the client and we work hard to adjust our approach to fit client's individual needs.

I am senior accredited BACP therapist and also a Senior Accredited Children's and young Persons Counsellor and we are based in Wolverhampton, West Midlands.

When required, River works along side me and we aim to provide a different experience than the formal therapy that may be traditionally offered in a clinic or CAMHs setting, which may not suit all clients.

Having a dog in therapy brings a very different type of experience for clients particularly with children who may have been difficult to engage in traditional services and who may have difficulties with attachment or trust.

We work with a high number of children in care, including Autism and Aspergers. I understand how block trust can lead to blocked care and we work hard to provide a fun and informal environment for therapy, so that children can feel comfortable and safe enough to work with us.



**Find out more about Mel's work at [www.meljriley.co.uk](http://www.meljriley.co.uk)**





# My Supervision Journey & Reflections

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Read Mel's Blog [HERE](#)

# Other services

In addition to counselling, Mel provides a number of other services. These include:

- clinical supervision
- play therapy
- mentoring
- public speaking
- training
- writing for magazines and websites.

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## Suggested Website

[www.petsastherapy.org](http://www.petsastherapy.org)



Pets As Therapy is a national charity founded in 1983. It is unique in that it provides therapeutic visits to hospitals, hospices, nursing and care homes, special needs schools and a variety of other venues by volunteers with their own friendly, temperament tested and vaccinated dogs and cats.

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