

# The Woof!



December 2023

## Ongoing Facility Requests

### Guilford Central School

374 School Road, Guilford, VT 05301

Contact: Angela Saviano, School Librarian

Tele: 802.254.2271, Email: [asaviano@wsesdvt.org](mailto:asaviano@wsesdvt.org)

"I believe a visit or visits from a therapy dog would be a motivating reward for children..."

### Porters Point School

490 Porters Point Rd, Colchester, VT 05446

Contact: Carolyn Millham, Principal

Tele: 802.264.5922, Email: [carolyn.millham@colchestersd.org](mailto:carolyn.millham@colchestersd.org)

".... Reading to a therapy dog in our beautiful library would be a great way to decrease stress and build engagement ..."

### Kimball Union Academy

7 Campus Center Drive, Meriden, NH 03770

Contact: Tong Meltzer, Director of Wellness and Counseling Services

Tele: 314.808.2727, Email: [Tmeltzer@kua.org](mailto:Tmeltzer@kua.org)

"... I'm hoping to bring therapy dogs to our campus, .... maybe weekly/biweekly ..."

### Doty and Rumney School Libraries

Shady Hill Rd. Middlesex, VT 05602

Contact: Alyson Mahony

Tele: 802.272.0141, Email: [amahony@u32.org](mailto:amahony@u32.org)

"...My two small school libraries would love to have a therapy dog visit(s) to help promote the reading program and SEL..."

### Bristol Elementary School

57 Mountain St., Bristol, VT 05443

Contact: Ciara Herman-Dunphy, School based clinician

Tele: 781.733.3385, Email: [ciara.hermandunphy@mausd.org](mailto:ciara.hermandunphy@mausd.org)

"... These children love animals and will be so delighted to spend time with a dog while at school...."

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### **Bennington College**

One College Drive, Bennington, VT 05201

Contact: Jacqueline de Loos, Assistant Director of Student Engagement

Tele: 415.672.8933, Email: [Jackdeloos@bennington.edu](mailto:Jackdeloos@bennington.edu)

"... we feel it would be incredibly beneficial to the community to have therapy dogs come and visit....."

### **Brewster-Pierce Memorial School**

120 School St., Huntington, VT 05462

Contact: Aimee Motta, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Classroom Teacher

Tele: 802.434.7375, Email: [aimee.motta@mmuusd.org](mailto:aimee.motta@mmuusd.org)

"...This would be to have the therapy dog "read" and "write" with the 1st graders...."

### **Assistive Technology Consultant – Caelan “Gus” Manning**

**State of Vermont** – Gus has the role of helping clients, around Vermont, with assistive technology. He’s reached out to us because clients, on occasion, benefit from the help of a therapy dog to ease/assist with the transition to using a new assistive device/technology. This is an opportunity to experience a different type of visit experience.

Office is in White River Jct. VT 05001, but meetings may happen in other locations.

Contact: Caelan “Gus” Manning, Assistive Technology Consultant

Tele: 802.760.9033, Email: [caelan.manning@vermont.gov](mailto:caelan.manning@vermont.gov)

### **Southwestern Vermont Medical Center**

Hospital Drive, Bennington, VT 05201

Contact: Adrienne Gigliotti, ICU Nurse

Tele: 413.672.8577, Email: [Adriennegig@hotmail.com](mailto:Adriennegig@hotmail.com)

"... Would like to request weekly visits for our inpatient areas of the hospital please. Schedule will depend on your availability. Thank you!.."

### **UVM Campus, Christie Wright Patterson lounge**

436 S Prospect St., Burlington, VT 05405

Contact: Noa Pinkston, RA

Tele: 412.660.0973, Email: [noa.pinkston@uvm.edu](mailto:noa.pinkston@uvm.edu)

### **Our Lady of Providence Assisted Living Facility**

573 Main St., Proctorsville, VT

Contact: D. Atwood

Tele: 802.655.2395, Email: [datwood@ourladyofprovidence.org](mailto:datwood@ourladyofprovidence.org)

[gailcallahan1964@gmail.com](mailto:gailcallahan1964@gmail.com)

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## One Time Events!

### Vermont State University – Johnson Campus

337 College Hill Road, Student Life, Johnson, VT 05656

Contact: Maya Nasta, Assistant Director of Student Activities

Tele: 802.635.1478, Email: [maya.nasta@vermontstate.edu](mailto:maya.nasta@vermontstate.edu)

### December 11 through 15 – Exam Week!!!!

"I am hoping to have at least 2 dogs come to visit our college campus. This would be during the week of December 11th which is our finals week. This would be an indoor event during lunch hours.

Thanks!"

## Other news and items!

**From November on into the new year, holidays are everywhere.** And so are Therapy Dogs of Vermont wonderful teams/members. Thank You! Especially during this time of seasonal change. TDV wishes all our members and their most beautiful dogs (and family too) a wonderful wrap to 2023 and start to 2024.

## Now with the “in case you did not know” category, or “update” category:

TDV has a crisis response program (CRP). The program was launched in 2018; in 2019 we certified eleven (11) teams. Then Covid came along and the program was dormant. Now, in 2023, the program has been brought to the forefront and is being re-developed. We have established a working committee of volunteers (thank you!!). In January we will work to finalize the new process of becoming certified as a Crisis Response Team (CRT). When the process is finalized, it will be presented to membership, through email and updated on the TDV website in the members resources section. Please stay tuned!!

It may be helpful to give a framework to how the program works. CRT members do not self-arrange visits. TDV CRT members respond following an invitation from state or municipal or facility coordinator invitation through our website and CRP telephone number, following a significant crisis event or incident. When TDV is invited, there is criteria and structure to the protocols set by varying agencies or entities. CRT members have completed training and are knowledgeable of these protocols. Another factor to the program is, we recognize that it is not for everyone. If/when the time comes, you're interested, we will work closely with you to determine the best course.

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