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September 2025

Highlighted Facility Requests

New!! Storrs Pond – Byrne Pavillion (The Family Place Staff Retreat)

Address: 59 Oak Hill Drive, Hanover, NH 03755

Contact: Samantha Spielberg

Tele: 802-478-49143

Email: SamanthaS@the-family-place.org

The Family Place is hosting a staff retreat and would love to offer the hardworking staff members the joy therapy dog team(s) share. Please respond ASAP as the request is for **September 4th**.

Ongoing Facility Requests

New!! UVM Home Health and Hospice Adult Day Program

Address: 412 Farrell Street, South Burlington, VT, 05403

Contact: Brandy Edwards, Program & Activities Director

Tele: 802-862-6610

Email: brandy.edwards@uvmhomehealth.org

This adult day program has 22 participants each day from ages 34-90 years old. They would love therapy dog team(s) to visit at 1:15 pm one Thursday each month for ongoing, special visits.

New!! Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital

350 Fisher Rd, Berlin, VT 05602

Contact: Dori Evans, RN

Tele: (802) 535-2953

Email: Dorothea.Evans@vermont.gov

Ongoing weekday and weekend visits from TDV Team(s) would be greatly appreciated.

<https://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/services/psychiatric-hospitalization/vermont-psychiatric-care-hospital>

New!! Walden School-After School Program

135 Cahoon Farm Rd, West Danville, VT 05873

Contact: Bret Kristin Halverson, After School Director

Tele: 971-533-3536

Email: bret.halverson@ccsuvt.net

This program is looking for team(s) to visit on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday between 3:30 – 4:30 pm to allow students to read to the dogs and answer questions about what it takes to become a TDV Team.

For more information contact Michelle Carroll, Facilities Coordinator

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New!! Second Spring North

1071 VT Rt 15, Westford, VT 05489

Contact: Taylor Smith, Recovery Activities Coordinator

Tele: 802-231-3065

Email: taylor.m.smith@cscorp.org

This mental healthcare facility in Westford is a step-down facility for individuals who need additional time to focus on recovery prior to community reintegration. Ongoing therapy dog visits in the afternoons or early evenings would be ideal.

New!! Sharon Elementary School

136 School St, Sharon, VT 05065

Contact: Dulce O'Hare, Teacher – 5th Grade

Tele: (802) 763-7425

Email: dohare@wrvsu.org

TDV Team(s) would be a wonderful support for students learning to read and navigate stress and anxiety. The goal is to plan for the 2025-26 academic year.

New!! Mount Saint Joseph Academy

127 Convent Ave, Rutland, VT 05701

Contact: Marrisa Euber, School Counselor/Academic Dean

Tele: 802-775-0151

Email: meuber@msjvermont.org

This small Catholic High School is requesting our team(s) to help their students & staff with stress relief.

New!! Leland & Gray Union Middle High School

Route 30, Townsend, VT 05353

Contact: Carley Sanderson, MTSS Coordinator

Tele: (802) 365- 7355

Email: Csanderson@windhamcentral.org

In response to increasing stress and anxiety amongst the student body we would like to support our students and staff for the 2025-26 school year by establishing on going visits with TDV Team(s).

Re-Newed!! North Country Peer Support – Littleton

137 Saranac St, Littleton, NH 03561

Contact: Christine Polito

Tele: 978-491-9499 Email: christinepolito@hotmail.com

This peer center provides support to people with mental health and substance misuse disorders.

To include your announcement in our next issue, e-mail your submission
before the 25th of the month to: admin@therapydogs.org

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Re-Newed!! Valley Regional Hospital

243 Elm Street, Claremont, NH, 03743

Contact: Ellee Grenier, Quality Compliance Coordinator

Tele: 603-542-3495

Email: ellee.grenier@vrh.org

This is a critical Access hospital looking to kickstart a volunteer pet therapy program to boost staff, patient and visitor morale.

Renewed!! UVM Medical Center Main Campus

111 Colchester Ave, Burlington, VT 05401

Contact: Judy Sherry, Volunteer Coordinator

Email: judy.sherry@uvmhealth.org

We would love to expand the number of Therapy Dog Teams visiting patients & their families at UVMHC.

Re-Newed!! Champlain College

163 South Willard Street, Burlington, VT, 05401

Contact: Kelly Jane Thomas, Associate Professor, Core Division

Tele: 802-999-5954

Email: thomas@champlain.edu

Therapy dog team(s) have visited this Creature Comforts course on better understanding our relationship with animals for the last 2 Fall semesters and a visit for September or October would be greatly appreciated.

One Time Events

New!! Foundations Family Shelter

2777 St. George Rd, Williston, VT 05495

Contact: Isabella Donohue, Housing Advocate and Shelter Staff

Tele: 802-207-3380

Email: idonohue@cvoeo.org

This new family shelter provides temporary, emergency shelter and supportive services to families with children. Unfortunately, families are not allowed to bring pets. The hope is a one-time visit can grow to ongoing visits to support the families and staff.

New!! Dartmouth College

Collis Common Ground, Hanover, NH 03755

Contact: Annie Greenwood, Project Manager

Tele: 603-646-9442

Email: andrea.l.greenwood@dartmouth.edu

Students love seeing therapy dogs! Please reach out to by email if you can attend this mental health awareness event at Dartmouth College inside Collis Common Ground on October 9th from 11 am – 2pm.