

The Woof!



January 2026

Ongoing Facility Requests

Hospitals:

Valley Regional Hospital

243 Elm St, Claremont, NH, 03743

Contact: Ellee Grenier, Quality and Compliance Coordinator

Tele: 603- 542-1866 Email: ellee.grenier@vrh.org

Valley Regional Hospital is excited to rejuvenate the volunteer program and introduce Pet Therapy as a vital part of patient and staff support.

Colleges & Universities:

Dartmouth College – Tuck School of Business – Mental Health Wellness Initiative (MHWI)

Stell Hall at Tuck School of Business, Hanover, NH, 03755

Contact: Mark Heffernan, MHWI Co-Chair

Tele: 781-707-2027 Email: mark.heffernan.jr.tu26@tuck.dartmouth.edu

MHWI provides students with mental health resources and wellness breaks. The Tuck School of Business is inviting therapy dog teams to join a special event in February on or around the 24-26th in the early afternoon ~ 2 pm. These are tentative dates and times, please contact Mark to organize the logistics of your visit if this can work for you & your pup.

UVM Davis Center

590 Main St, Burlington, VT 05401

Contact: Aspen Norris, Student Success Coordinator

Tele: 802-656-1460 Email: aspennorris@uvm.edu

The Graduate College is planning its first Spring Graduate Wellness Fest for March 23, 2026, from 11 am to 2 pm.

Re-Newed!! Saint Michael's College (SMC)

1 Winooski Pare, Colchester, VT 05439

Contact: Kate Osullivan, Resident Director

Tele: 518-538-2424 Email: kosullivan@smcvt.edu

SMC's Residential Life hosts Therapy Dog Thursdays at 8 pm in the Dion Center which is adjacent to the guest parking lot. Reach out to Kate if you can pick up one or multiple visits on the following dates: February 5, 12, 19 or 26, March 5 or 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23 or 30.

For more information contact Michelle Carroll, Facilities
Coordinator

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Senior Living Communities:

New!! Premier Rehab and Healthcare at Burlington

300 Pearl St, Burlington, VT 05401

Contact: Tammie Morrell, Activity Director

Tele: 959-204-5152 Email: TMorrell@stellarhealthgroup.com

This is a rehab & long term care facility and most residents have been diagnosed with dementia.

Re-Newed!! Bayada Hospice

463 Mountain View Drive, Suite 100, Colchester, VT 05495

Contact: Deb Helfrich, Volunteer Coordinator

Tele: 802-302-4455 Email: dhelfrich@bayada.com

We're looking for additional therapy dog teams to support hospice patients receiving care in facilities across VT and in Concord, NH.

New!! Thompson Senior Center

99 Senior Lane, Woodstock, VT, 05091

Contact: Cory van Gulden, Assistant Director

Tele: 802-457-3277 Email: cvang@thompsonseneiorcenter.org

This senior center would welcome therapy dog teams to visit during congregate lunches, programs and classes.

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home

243 N. Prospect St, Burlington, VT 05409

Contact: Steve Rowe, Transportation Coordinator

Tele: 802-864-0264 Email: srowe@vermontcatholic.org

The elderly residents of St. Joseph's would greatly benefit from ongoing therapy dog visits.

State of Vermont:

DCF – Family Services

426 Industrial Ave, Ste 140, Williston, VT 05495

Contact: Elizabeth Strasner

Tele: 802-798-6475 Email: Elizabeth.Strasner@vermont.gov

On February 25th from 11-3 pm DCF would like 1-2 teams to visit during their Winter Carnival.

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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Schools & Libraries:

Cobleigh Public Library

14 Depot St, Lyndonville, VT 05851

Contact: Kaitlin Wood, Library Director

Tele: 603-631-2222 Email: kaitlin@cobleighlibrary.org

This public library offers weekly story times & a program called, "My Favorite Book," in which kids bring their favorite story to be read aloud by the librarian, and the receive a free book – one or more team(s) would be welcomed!

Mary Hogan Elementary School

201 Mary Hogan Drive, Middlebury, VT 05753

Contact: Julie Altemose

Tele: 802-382-1427 Email: jaltemose@acsdvt.org

Julie is looking for multiple visits between February 2-20, 2026, to support the School Read-a-thon. She envisions the visits lasting 1 hour and the teams would spend 20 minutes in 3 different classrooms. Alternatively, she could have a sign-up sheet for students to schedule time to read to the dog in the library. Reach out to Julie for the specific times.

Community Schoolhouse

10 Oak St, Brattleboro, VT, 05301

Contact: Alison Amidon

Tele: 802-376-6355 Email: aamidon@communityhousevt.org

This special education, nonprofit & independent school is looking for therapy dogs to support their students who have not been successful in a traditional public-school setting.

Wells Village Library

37 East Wells Rd, Wells, VT 05774

Contact: Julie Cannata, Librarian

Tele: 802-399-0187 Email: jcannata87@gmail.com

This small, beautiful library is looking to encourage participants to read to a therapy dog or have therapy dogs present during story time.