

# 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](mailto: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:

#### New!! Dartmouth College

Reed Hall 105, Hanover, NH 02747

Contact: Susan Kahn, Visiting Professor

Tele: 617-642-0991 Email: [skahn@law.harvard.edu](mailto:skahn@law.harvard.edu)

This is a one-time request for a TDV team to visit a Freshman Seminar Course titled, "Jews and Dogs from Antiquity to the Present" on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 6:20 pm.

#### Dartmouth College – Tuck School of Business

100 Tuck Hall, Hanover, NH, 03755

Contact: Charbel Hanna

Tele: 857-329-7376 Email: [charbel.hanna.tu27@tuck.dartmouth.edu](mailto:charbel.hanna.tu27@tuck.dartmouth.edu)

The staff & students welcome TDV team(s) to the Tuck School of Business where MBA students gather daily.

#### New!! University of Vermont - Graduate College

UVM Davis Center, 590 Main St, Burlington, VT 05401

Contact: Aspen Norris, Student Success Coordinator

Tele: 802-656-1460 Email: [aspennorris@uvm.edu](mailto: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-Renewed!! Saint Michael's College (SMC)

1 Winooski Pare, Colchester, VT 05439

Contact: Kate Osullivan, Resident Director

Tele: 518-538-2424 Email: [kosullivan@smcvt.edu](mailto: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: January 15, 22 or 29, 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!! Vergennes Grand Senior Living**

34 North St, Vergennes, Vermont, 05491

Contact: Samuel Gonzalez Pinto, Resident Services Director

Tele: 802-489-8277 Email: [spinto@vergenesgrand.com](mailto:spinto@vergenesgrand.com)

This assisted living facility is looking to offer one time or ongoing therapy dog visits to their residents. They are open to organizing a group activity or 1 on 1 visits – whichever works best for the therapy dog team.

#### **New!! Wake Robin**

200 Wake Robin Drive, Shelburne, VT, 05482

Contact: Karen Vincent, Director of Human Resources

Tele: 802-343-2086 Email: [kvincent@wakerobin.com](mailto:kvincent@wakerobin.com)

Wake Robin is requesting therapy dog teams to support their staff as part of their Wellness Programming in the last week of January. They are hoping team(s) can visit from 1:30-4:30 pm Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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](mailto:dhelfrich@bayada.com)

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

### Schools & Libraries:

#### **New!! Cobleigh Public Library**

14 Depot St, Lyndonville, VT 05851

Contact: Kaitlin Wood, Library Director

Tele: 603-631-2222 Email: [kaitlin@cobleighlibrary.org](mailto: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!

#### **New!! Mary Hogan Elementary School**

201 Mary Hogan Drive, Middlebury, VT 05753

Contact: Julie Altemose

Tele: 802-382-1427 Email: [jaltemose@acsdvt.org](mailto: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.

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

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### Re-Newed!! Middlebury Union High School

73 Charles Ave, Middlebury, VT 05753

Contact: Kylie Wolgamott

Tele: 802-382-1117 Email: [kwolgamott@acsdvt.org](mailto:kwolgamott@acsdvt.org)

The goal is to combine TDV visits with the photography class curriculum, allowing the students to capture the dogs on film & enjoy their presence. The last day of this class is January 16, 2026.

### Re-Newed!! Mallets Bay School

609 Blakely Rd, Colchester, VT 05446

Contact: Carole Oglesby, Librarian

Tele: 802-264-5900 Email: [carole.oglesby@colchestersd.org](mailto:carole.oglesby@colchestersd.org)

Additional support to accommodate the number of staff and students requesting to meet with our current TDV team would be greatly appreciated.

### Community Schoolhouse

10 Oak St, Brattleboro, VT, 05301

Contact: Alison Amidon

Tele: 802-376-6355 Email: [aamidon@communityhousevt.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## One Time Fun Opportunity:

### Switchback Brewing: Pints & Pups

160 Flynn Ave, Burlington, VT 05401

Contact: Abby Dubuc, Event Coordinator & Merchandiser

Tele: 802-651-4114 Email: [abbyd@switchbackvt.com](mailto:abbyd@switchbackvt.com)

This fundraising event from 1 pm to 4 pm on January 26<sup>th</sup> is dog friendly, so you can expect to be working alongside numerous dogs from the community. Food will be served and \$1 from each pint sold at the event will be donated. We have one team planning to attend and additional team(s) are welcome to join!