

The Woof!



October 2026

Ongoing Facility Requests

Senior Living Residences:

Re-Newed! Shard Villa

1177 Shard Villa Rd, Salisbury, Vermont 05769

Contact: Cassie Quesnel, Interim Director

Tele: (802) 352-4369

Email: administrator@shardvilla.org

This Level III Residential Elder Care Home is seeking ways more socialization & companionship for the residents.

Re-Newed! Ethan Allen Residence

1200 North Ave, Burlington, VT, 05408

Contact: Katie Duffy, Activities Director

Tele: [802-363-4099](tel:802-363-4099)

Email: duffy@livingwellgroup.org

This request initially came from a resident's family member who is a therapy dog handler in MI. They helped reconnect TDV with Katie who is excited to have therapy dog teams support the residents & staff.

New!! Bayada Hospice

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

Contact: Elizabeth Peacock, 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 NH.

Colleges & Universities:

New!! Vermont State University – Williston Campus

201 Lawrence Pl, Williston, VT 05495

Contact: Jeanean Dunlap, Senior Staff Assistant at VTSU Wellness

Tele: [\(802\) 468-1346](tel:802-468-1346)

Email: jeanean.dunlap@vermontstate.edu

We are looking to set up a regular visit to the campus for our students, faculty, and staff.

New!! Norwich University

158 Harmon Dr, Northfield, VT, 05663

Contact: Mari Walsh, Director of Well-being, The Richards Group

Tele: (518) 637-9307

Email: mwalsh@therichardsgrp.com

Looking for teams to participate in Norwich University's employee wellness fair on Wednesday, Oct 28 from 11-1 pm.

For more information contact Michelle Carroll, Facilities Coordinator

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Miscellaneous:

New!! Ward 8 Neighborhood Planning Assembly

Fletcher Free Library, Fletcher Room, 235 College St, Burlington, VT, 05401

Contact: Amy Malinowski, Ward 8 NPA Steering Committee Member

Tele: (802) 399-4243 Email: ward-8-sc@googlegroups.com

The steering committee is inclusive of the diverse folks in our ward, including the college community. The meeting is 12/16 beginning at 5 pm & falls during exam week. We want to do something special in the 30 minutes before our meeting starts.

New!! Hope Lodge

237 East Ave, Burlington, VT, 05401

Contact: Aleska Jenkins, Assistant General Manager

Tele: 802-658-0649 Email: aleksa.jenkins@cancer.org

Hope Lodge is looking for teams to visit in the late afternoon on October 20th & 29th.

Re-Newed! Howard Center – Adult Crisis Stabilization

851 Pine St., Burlington, VT, 05401

Contact: Ann Flynn, Administrative Assistant

Email: AFlynn@howardcenter.org

Looking to connect with a TDV team for an employee de-stress event during a weekly staff meeting scheduled on Thursday mornings between 9:30-11:00 am with the hope of moving toward ongoing visits in the future.

Re-Newed! Sierra

555 Shelburne Rd, Berlin, VT, 05401

Contact: Ali Bierman, Store Manager

Tele: (802) 540-8311 Email: ali_bierman@tjx.com

Due to the stress associated with a busy retail store they would love to connect with therapy dogs for support.

Hospitals:

Re-Newed! University of Vermont Medical Center

111 Colchester Ave, Burlington, VT, 054012

Contact: Lisa LeBlanc, Manager of Patient Experience Volunteers

Michelle Carroll, Program Coordinator for PAWS (Pups Assisting the Wellbeing of Staff)

Email: Volunteers@uvmhealth.org

Together Lisa and Michelle are working to grow the Therapy Dog Program at UVMHC.

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:

New!! Fletcher Free Library

235 College St, Burlington, VT, 05401

Contact: Michelle Lee, Circulation Manager

Telephone: [802-865-7228](tel:802-865-7228)

Email: MMLee@burlingtonvt.gov

Looking for a few wonderful therapy dog teams to make regular visits.

New!! Vermont Academy

10 Long Walk, Saxtons River, VT, 05154

Contact: Robyn Lantz, RN

Tele: [\(802\) 869-6668](tel:(802)869-6668) Email: rlantz@vermontacademy.org

This private high school with both day & boarding students would love to offer therapy dog visits in the wellness center.

New!! Pine Forest Children's Center

208 Flynn Ave, Suite 2F, Burlington, VT, 05401

Contact: Julie LaFontaine, Executive Director

Tele: [\(802\) 557-8914](tel:(802)557-8914) Email: julie@thepineforest.org

The center is broken into 2 sides by age. Previous therapy dog visits were completed in small groups, attended by teachers & allowed the opportunity to teach: empathy, gentle touch, emotional regulation, reading cues, and boundaries.

New!! Pope Memorial Library

121 Park St, Darnville, VT, 05828

Contact: Jenifer D'Agostino, Youth Services Librarian

Tele: 802-684- 2256 Email: popememoriallibrary@yahoo.com

Looking to schedule an opportunity for 5-7-year-old beginner readers to read with TDV Teams in February or March.

New!! West Fairlee Public Library

894 VT Route 113, Ste 201, West Fairlee, VT, 05083

Contact: Katie Rader, Librarian

Tele: (802) 333-3502 Email: westfairleelibrary@gmail.com

Would love to coordinate a read to a therapy dog event on a Saturday between 9-1 pm in December.

New!! Essex High School

2 Educational Drive, Essex, VT, 05452

Contact: Kim McNamara, Director of Student Support Services

Tele: (802) 857-7407 Email: kmcnamara2@ewsd.org

We would love to set up ongoing visits with our students in special education.

New!! Woodbury Elementary

63 Valley Lake Rd, Woodbury, VT, 05681

Contact: Kana Bly, School Counselor

Telephone: [\(405\) 503-6625](tel:(405)503-6625) Email: tinably100@gmail.com

This elementary school is looking for a team to visit prior to their students leave for Christmas break. Some of their students have anxiety about being away from school and they anticipate visiting with therapy dogs would help to send the students off with full hearts. If they could connect with a team that could make monthly visits, they would be overjoyed!