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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 or 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 or 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.

Re-Newed!! Bayada Hospice
463 Mountain View Drive, Suite 100, Colchester, VT 05495
Contact: Elizabeth Peacock, Volunteer Coordinator
Tele: 802-302-4455 or Email: dhelfrich@bayada.com
We're looking for additional therapy dog teams to support hospice patients receiving care in facilities in Brattleboro, VT Townsend, VT, Springfield, VT, Keene, NH, Peterborough, NH and Claremont, NH

Colleges & Universities:

New!! Vermont State University – Randolph Campus
124 Admin Drive, Randolph Center, VT, 05601-6400
Contact: Kerri Wolfson, Assistant Director of Student Activities
Tele: (802) 728-1319 or Email: kerri.wolfson@vermontstate.edu
We are looking to set up monthly therapy dog visits or to specifically target support during exams.

Re-Newed!! Vermont State University – Williston Campus
201 Lawrence Pl, Williston, VT 05495
Contact: Jeanean Dunlap, Senior Staff Assistant at VTSU Wellness
Tele: (802) 468-1346 or Email: jeanean.dunlap@vermontstate.edu
We are looking to set up a regular visit to the campus for our students, faculty, and staff.

Interested in joining TDV's crisis response team?
Reach out to: tdvcrisisresponse@therapydogs.org

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Miscellaneous:

New!! Spruce Program – Adult Intensive Services at the Howard Center
41 Spruce St, Burlington, VT, 05401
Contact: Catelin Russin, Team Lead
Tele: (802) 373-5574 or Email: Crussin@howardcenter.org
Therapy dog visit during group sessions could be a meaningful and positive experience for the men & women we support.

New!! Department for Children & Families
426 Industrial Ave, Ste 140, Williston, VT 05495
Contact: Elizabeth Strasner
Telephone: (802) 798-6475 or Email: Elizabeth.Strasner@vermont.gov
The Family Services Division in Williston is looking for team(s) to visit on Tuesdays, once or twice each month.

New!! Department for Children & Families
27 Federal St, St. Albans, VT, 05452
Contact: Shawn Vetere, Assistant District Director, Family Services
Tele: (802) 735-4367 or Email: shawn.vetere@vermont.gov
Therapy dog visits have helped this group of social workers manage their work-related stress previously.

Re-Newed!! 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 or 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.

Hospitals:

New!! White River Junction VA Medical Center
163 Veterans Dr, White River Junction, VT, 05001
Contact: Anna Gomez, Social Worker
Tele: (802) 657-7049 or Email: Ana.Gomez3@va.gov
March 10th is Social Work Education Day, and therapy dogs would be a great addition to a self-care activity for the staff.

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 UVMMC.

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Schools & Libraries:

New!! Flood Brook School
91 Vermont Route 11, Londonderry, VT, 05148
Contact: Brook Paxton, School Counselor
Telephone: (802) 824-6811 or email: bpaxton@brsu.org
This school for K-8th graders is looking to add our team(s) to their library and regulation center. Contact Brooke for the specific details.

New!! Fletcher Free Library
235 College St, Burlington, VT, 05401
Contact: Gale Batsim, Development Manager
Telephone: 802-540-0023 or Email: gbatsimm@burlingtonvt.gov
Looking for a few additional therapy dog teams to make regular visits.

New!! East Valley Academy
579 VT 14 East, Randolph, VT 05041
Contact: Erin Bardsley, Case Manager
Tele: (802) 369-9755 or Email: bardsley@gmail.com
This licensed independent school provides educational and therapeutic services to youth with severe emotional and behavioral challenges (grades 3-12) is looking to add the incredible benefits of therapy dog support for staff & students.

Re-Newed!! Pope Memorial Library
121 Park St, Davnille, VT, 05828
Contact: Jenifer D'Agostino, Youth Services Librarian
Tele: 802-684- 2256 or 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.

Re-Newed!! West Fairlee Public Library
894 VT Route 113, Ste 201, West Farilee, VT, 05083
Contact: Katie Rader, Librarian
Tele: (802) 333-3502 or Email: westfairleelibrary@gmail.com
Would love to coordinate a read to a therapy dog event on a Saturday between 9-1 pm in December.

Re-Newed!! Essex High School
2 Educational Drive, Essex, VT, 05452
Contact: Kim McNamara, Director of Student Support Services
Tele: (802) 857-7407 or Email: kmcnamara2@ewsd.org
We would love to set up ongoing visits with our students in special education.