

# Therapy Dogs of VERMONT

Touching Hearts, Bringing Joy, Offering Comfort and Enriching Lives with  
Certified Therapy Dog Teams



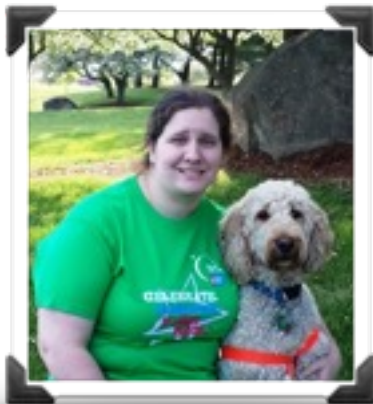
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## Heartfelt Thanks to TDV Founder, Steve Reiman

On Good Friday, 1990, with special permission from the Life Specialist in the pediatric ward at University of Vermont Medical Center (then Fletcher Allen), Steve Reiman and his German shepherd Lily paid their first visit to the kids there. Seeing the children's faces light up, Steve knew this was the beginning of something even bigger. Fueled by a desire to bring smiles to sick and injured children in Burlington, Vermont, Steve put his love for kids and dogs to work, and in 1992, founded Therapy Dogs of Vermont. Today, under his stewardship, TDV has grown to an organization of more than 300 members, with dog and owner teams visiting people in a wide variety of facilities throughout Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, and beyond, even in parts of Canada.



Now after nearly 25 years of leadership, Steve Reiman has stepped down as president of Therapy Dogs of Vermont. While we will certainly miss him in his leadership role, his vision will continue to steer TDV as we grow within Vermont and beyond, touching the hearts of thousands through the healing power of dogs.



For all he has done, for his vision and compassion that have allowed TDV to become everything it is today, we applaud Steve and thank him wholeheartedly.

## Welcome Emily!

TDV is pleased to welcome Emily Lester as our new president. Emily brings her infectious enthusiasm and years of experience in many facets of TDV to our organization. Look for more information and her plans for TDV in the coming weeks.

## Derby Line Day August 28th, 2015

Thanks to our super Hub director in the Northeast Kingdom, Beth Wadleigh, TDV had a wonderful booth at this annual event. Just a few feet from the Canadian border, families gathered to celebrate community and enjoy good food and music. As usual, Brian Carten and Steve Reimer hosted the most visited booth at the fair. TDV dogs posed for photos and accepted countless hugs while their two-legged friends answered questions, passed out brochures and accepted donations.



## Annual Meeting & Funfest, Mad River Glen

August 22nd, 2015

Our annual Funfest was a huge success this year, raising money and awareness for TDV with the help of our capable teams and their dogs and all those who attended. Mad River Glen hosted dozens of dogs and handlers who participated in our raffles, silent auction and chicken barbecue dinner. Music was provided by Left Eye Jump and Black Sky. Special thanks to Brian Carten for supervising this great event.



# test schedule

Williston

October 31, 1:00 p.m.

November 21, 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

December 19, 1:00 p.m.

Manchester

December 12, 10:30 a.m.

Northeast Kingdom

November 21, 12:00 p.m.

Check [www.therapydogs.org](http://www.therapydogs.org)  
for last minute additions and tips  
on participating in our testing process

## early RENEWALS

Look for membership renewals a little earlier this year. We understand how the holiday crush can sometimes be overwhelming, so this year our membership renewals will go out earlier. Check your mailboxes after October 20th!



Board member Viki Zulkoski recently hosted a birthday party for her 15 year old Westie, Gus. Neighborhood dogs were invited and of course, refreshments were served. The highlight? Cupcake treats for dogs, made with ground turkey and pork, with mashed potato 'frosting' and green pea and home-grown cherry tomato garnish. The birthday boy was given a head start, considering the stiff competition. All the guests, including TDV member, Blue Peter, had a tail-wagging good time!

## Canine Cupcakes

For 'Cake':

1 lb. Ground Turkey  
1lb. Ground Pork  
2 apples, peeled and diced  
2 eggs, beaten  
1 cup Quick Oats

Mix together, form rounded mounds in well greased muffin pans & bake until internal temp reads 165° - about 45 minutes at 350°. Let cool to touch, then carefully remove from pan.

For 'Frosting'

1 lb. Potatoes  
1 cup Chicken Broth

Peel potatoes, cut into 1" pieces. Cover with water and cook until tender, about 40 minutes. Drain. Add half the broth, and mash into the potatoes. Add more broth if needed to make potatoes spreadable, but stiff. When cool, fill ziplock bag with potatoes, cut 1/2 inch off tip, and pipe on top of muffins. Garnish with peas, cubed carrots or pumpkin - all cooked. Top with cherry tomato.

*Congratulations*  
to our  
**NEWLY CERTIFIED TEAMS**

Amber Pouliot & Kenzie of Montpelier  
Jacklyn Spence & Fenway of Waterbury  
John Hamacher & Chevy of Waterbury Center  
Mary van Beuren & Hoss of Hartland  
Mike van Beuren & Hoss of Hartland  
Reuf Grapshi & Sniffles of Dorset  
Jennifer Dattoli & Thor of Middletown Springs  
Deborah Wright & Samia of Essex Junction  
Madelyn Nash & Daisy of Essex Junction  
Patience Whitworth & Teegan of Williston  
Michael Donnelly & Sophie of Vergennes  
Amelia Lincoln & True of East Bethel  
Cheryl Ahokas & Amethyst of Winooski  
Heidi O'Connor & Clifford of Hartland  
Barbara Edwards & Shilo of Troy  
Laurel Robbins & Teddy of Essex Junction  
Meredith Dendo & Daisy Mae of East Wallingford  
Monica Morano-Aurigemma & Syliva of Essex Junction  
Donna Boroff & Gracie of Brownsville  
Caitlin Thornton & Maggie Mae of Richmond  
Rosemary Free & Winnie of Manchester  
Mary Pierce & Lily of Burlington  
Craig Deslaurier & Cabot of South Burlington  
Ann Ackley & Bridgette of West Windsor