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May 2025

Ongoing Facility Requests

HIGHLIGHTED REQUESTS:

Highlighted!! Birchwood Terrace Healthcare & Rehab

43 Starr Farm Rd, Burlington, VT 05401
Contact: Cassandra Booska, Social Worker
Tele: (802) 863-6484
Email: cshoram@birchwoodterrace.com

Request: We would love to coordinate the return of TDV teams for recurring visits. We ask volunteers who visit the facility to wear masks that are provided on arrival. ***This facility has submitted 3 requests recently.***

Highlighted!! Celebrate the Pet Parade

4 Seasons Park, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
Contact: Emily McLean, Member Support
Email: membersupport@therapydogs.org

Request: Come on June 7th join in the parade or keep Emily company at the booth TDV will host to help showcase the wonderful work you do to support our communities.

NEW!! Bennington Rescue Squad

120 McKinley St, Bennington, VT 05201
Contact: Bill Camarda, Executive Director
Tele: (802) 772-0077
Email: bcamarda@brsvt.org

Request: Help support this EMS crew during EMS appreciation week (May 18-23rd). The best way to contact Bill is by email, text or anticipate leaving a voicemail. This could become an opportunity to visit monthly.

NEW!! Hope Lodge - The American Cancer Society

237 East Ave, Burlington, VT 05401
Contact: Debra Weinstein
Tele: (802) 658-0649
Email: debra.weinstein@cancer.org

Request: We are a 17-room guest house that lodges cancer patients and their care support while they are in active cancer treatment at UVM Medical Center. Previous TDV Teams were a great respite for all the lodge guests !

NEW!! White River Junction VA Regional Office

163 Veterans Dr, Patriot Building, White River Junction, VT 05001
Contact: Heather Rogers, Veteran Service Center Manager
Tele: (803) 542-0991
Email: heather.rogers@va.gov

Request: This office processes claims for compensation for disabled Veterans. Our Public Servant Appreciation Week coincides with a mandatory Return to Office mandate, Support from TDV Teams to help with this transition would be greatly appreciated May 6th-9th.

For more information contact Michelle Carroll, Facilities
Coordinator

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Re-Newed!! The Gathering Place

30 Terrace St, Brattleboro, VT 05301

Contact: Nicole Emmons, Activities Coordinator

Tele: (802) 254-6559 Email: nemmons@gatheringplacevt.org

Request: This adult day program works with adults with disabilities to support their physical health needs and to help promote continued independence in their communities.

One Time Events

New!! Vermont State University - Lyndon State Campus

Vermont State University Lyndon, College Ave, Lyndonville, VT 05851

Contact: Aimee Rozum, Coordinator Disability Services

Tele: (802) 626-6230 Email: aimee.rozum@vermontstate.edu

Request: Student Success and Wellness would like to coordinate with a TDV team to visit on May 12th, the day before final exams begin. This could become an opportunity to visit regularly beginning in the Fall of 2025.

New!! Vermont State University - Williston & Randolph Campuses

Vermont State University, 124 Admin Dr, Randolph Center, VT 05061-6400

Contact: Isa Dreker to organizw the logistics for visiting either campus

Tele: (802) 760-8420

Email: isa.dreker@vermontstate.edu

Request: We are hosting our destressing prior to finals events at two of our VTSU Campuses. Williston campus May 6th and Randolph May 8th from approximately 12-3pm.

New!! Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth

1 Rope Ferry Rd, Hanover, Vermont 03755

Contact: Annie Cao, Chair of Wellness

Tele: (732) 858-1898

Email: annie.cao.med@dartmouth.edu

Request: A visit with therapy dogs for the medical students prior to finals would be beneficial for the mental health and overall wellbeing of the class. A specific date was not requested for these visits.

New!! Helen Porter Healthcare and Rehab Center

30 Porter Drive, Middlebury, VT 05753

Contact: Nancy Durham, Activities Director

Tele: (802) 385-3665

Email: ndurham@hphrc.org

Request: We are a skilled nursing facility, and we love animals! We are planning a "pet day" as part of our annual Skilled Nursing Week Celebration and would love for TDV teams(s) to visit on May 14th

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before the 25th of the month to: admin@therapydogs.org

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NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health) Walk

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, 152 Pearl St, Burlington, VT

Contact: Cathy LaClair, Events & Fundraising Coordinator – NAMI VT

Tele: (802) 876-7949 email: claclair@namivt.org

Request: We would love to embrace and showcase the positive impact pets have on our mental health at our NAMIWalk on May 17th. Registration opens at 12 pm. The 45-minute walk begins at 1:15 and you are welcome to join the crowd or hang back. Cathy is open to supporting the needs of our teams.

DCF – Family Services Division - Williston

2 West Lakeshore Drive, Colchester, VT 05446

Contact: Elizabeth Strasner, Admin Service Tech IV

Tele: (802) 798-6475 Email: elizabeth.strasner@vermont.gov

Request: The Burlington Family Services office is hosting a Foster/Kin Caregiver Spring Picnic on Saturday, May 31st from 10 – 2 pm at Bayside Park Pavilion in Colchester, VT and TDV Teams have been a fun addition previously.

Dartmouth College

2 N Main St, Hanover, VT 03766

Contact: Annie Greenwood, Project Manager

Tele: (603) 646-9442 Email: andrea.l.greenwood@dartmouth.edu

Request: The counselling center is hosting its annual Unwind Your Mind mental health event on May 13th from 1-4 pm. TDV Teams would be a huge hit at this student focused event!

Gund Institute for Environment

210 Colchester Ave, Burlington, VT 05405

Contact: Harrison Myers, Gund Pre-Doctoral Fellow

Tele: (802) 917-4123 Email: ghmyers@uvm.edu

Request: We are an environmental research institution located on UVM campus. Given the tenuous federal funding and general stress at the end of the semester, we were hoping to have therapy dogs visit to help us through a hard time .

Planning Ahead!! Colchester High School

131 Laker Lane, Colchester, VT 05446

Contact: Angie Post, Special Educator/Literacy Specialist & Club Advisor

Tele: (802) 264-5718 Email: angie.post@colchestersd.org

Request: Looking for Therapy Dog Teams to visit on June 9th, the day before Final Exams. The school day is 7:45-2:20 pm and a private space will be available for breaks. If only one team is available, the preferred time to visit is 11-1pm.

Innovation Hall

82 University Pl, Burlington, VT 05405

Contact: Elanor Stephenson, Coordinator for Academic Partnerships (Tutoring Center)

Tele: (404) 444-9124

Email: estephe3@uvm.edu

Request: The Tutoring Center is hosting an Exam Jam event this Saturday, May 3rd and It would be wonderful if therapy dog(s) were able to visit from 9:30-10, 11:30-1 (ideal) or from 4:30-6pm.