

# The Woof!



August 2025

## Ongoing Facility Requests

### New!! Target

155 Dorset St, South Burlington, VT 05403

Contact: Mina Leav, HR Expert

Tele: 802-923-4473 Email: [t3306.hrteam@target.com](mailto:t3306.hrteam@target.com)

Request: August is one of the most stressful times at Target due to the back-to-school preparations and college students returning. The staff at Target love and appreciate the therapy dog team visits.

### New!! DCF – Family Services Division – Williston

426 Industrial Ave, Ste 140, Williston, VT 05495

Contact: Elizabeth Strasner

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

Request: The Williston Family Services Division is very appreciative of the visits from our teams! Reach out for the August dates.

### New!! River Valley Therapeutic Residence

260 Woodside Dr, Colchester, VT

Contact: Jennifer Clemente, Activity Therapist

Tele: 802-798-4470 Email: [jennifer.clemente@vermont.gov](mailto:jennifer.clemente@vermont.gov)

Request: River Valley is a state-run mental health facility that is interested in welcoming therapy dog teams to visit their staff & residents in calm, comfortable indoor and outdoor spaces. The address provided is in Colchester, but the facility is in Essex.

### New!! Winston Prouty Center

209 Austine Dr, Thomas Hall, Brattleboro, VT 05301

Contact: Daniela Lopez

Tele: 802-257-7852 Email: [daniela@winstonprouty.org](mailto:daniela@winstonprouty.org)

Request: This organization is dedicated to promoting the success of children and families across southeastern VT through a variety of services that provide inclusive education & family support. A room would be reserved for employees to visit with our teams.

### New!! Spaulding Educational Alternative Program

103 Allen St, Barre, VT, 05641

Contact: Kayla Clouse

Tele: 802-505-8398 Email: [clousekayla350@gmail.com](mailto:clousekayla350@gmail.com)

Request: The students enrolled in this alternative education program would love therapy dog visits between 9 am – 2pm Monday through Friday with a special interest in a team visiting on Wednesdays at 10 am.

### New!! Norwich University – CASA Department

158 Hammond Drive, Northfield, VT 05663

Contact: Sandy Savard, Office Manager

Tele: 802-485-2130 Email: [ssavard@norwich.edu](mailto:ssavard@norwich.edu)

Request: The goal of this department is student support, and they are looking to connect with TDV Teams to attend events throughout the upcoming academic year.

For more information contact Michelle Carroll, Facilities  
Coordinator

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### **New!! Greensboro Nursing Home**

47 Maggie's Pond Rd, Greensboro, VT 05841

Contact: Joan LaRow, Activities Director

Tele: 802-488-0766 Email: [jarow@vtgbnh.org](mailto:jarow@vtgbnh.org)

Request: The residents are pet lovers and would hope to schedule ongoing visits with TDV Team(s).

### **New!! North Country Peer Support Center**

137 Saranac St, Littleton, NH 03561

Contact: Michelle Severino

Tele: 603-991-6184 Email: [m.severino@yahoo.com](mailto:m.severino@yahoo.com)

Request: This mental health facility is interested in offering their clients the support TDV team(s) provide.

### **New!! St. Michael's College**

1 Winooski Park, Colchester, VT 05439

Contact: Kate O'Sullivan, Resident Director

Tele: (518) 538-2424 Email: [kosullivan@smcvt.edu](mailto:kosullivan@smcvt.edu)

Request: SMC's Residential Life is organizing TDV visits on Thursday evenings throughout the semester.

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

201 Mary Hogan Drive, Middlebury, VT 05753

Contact: Jen Kravitz, Principal

Tele: 802-382-1414 Email: [jkravitz@acsdvt.org](mailto:jkravitz@acsdvt.org)

Request: This elementary school is looking to establish ongoing TDV visits for the upcoming academic year.

### **New!! Grand Isle School**

224 US RT 2, Grand Isle, VT, 05458

Contact: Ashley Hanlon, Principal

Tele: 802-372-6913 Email: [ahanlon@gisu.org](mailto:ahanlon@gisu.org)

Request: This elementary school has recently been consolidated with another school district and is looking to offer additional support to the students through this transition.

### **Re-newed!! Maple Ridge**

2 and 6 Freeman Woods, Essex Jct, VT, 05452

Contact: Jessie Clegg

Tele: 781-901-9506 Email: [jclegg@mapleridgeessex.com](mailto:jclegg@mapleridgeessex.com)

Request: Request: We are looking for team(s) to support the staff & patients in a facility that supports TDV by participating in evaluation team visits.

### **Re-Newed!! Green Mtn Nursing & Rehab**

475 Ethan Allen Ave, Colchester, VT 05446

Contact: Jennifer Combs-Wilber

Tele: 802-655-1025 Ext 112 Email: [jcwilber@greenmountainnh.com](mailto:jcwilber@greenmountainnh.com)

Request: We are looking for team(s) to support the staff & patients in a facility that supports TDV by participating in evaluation team visits.

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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## One Time Events

### **New!! Vermont Public Interest Research Group**

294 North Winooski Ave, Burlington, VT 05401

Contact: Abigail Sweet, Office & HR Administrator

Tele: 802-578-5846 Email: [asweet@vpirg.org](mailto:asweet@vpirg.org)

Request: VPIRG is the state's largest environmental and consumer advocacy group. After crushing their fund-raising goals this year, they are planning a celebration and would love to include TDV Team(s) to support the staff.

### **New!! Barre Gardens**

378 Prospect St, Barre, VT 05641

Contact: Emily, TDV Member Support

Email: [membersupport@therapydogs.org](mailto:membersupport@therapydogs.org)

Emily is organizing a group visit to Barre Gardens (nursing & rehabilitation) on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. Please Emily at the address provided if you can support this request.

## Planning Ahead

### **Leland & Gray Union Middle High School**

Route 30, Townsend, VT 05353

Contact: Carley Sanderson, MTSS Coordinator

Tele: (802) 365- 7355

Email: [Csanderson@windhamcentral.org](mailto:Csanderson@windhamcentral.org)

Request: In response to increasing stress and anxiety amongst the student body we would like to support our students and staff for the 2025-26 school year by establishing on going visits with TDV Team(s).

### **Sharon Elementary School**

136 School St, Sharon, VT 05065

Contact: Dulce O'Hare, Teacher – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Tele: (802) 763-7425

Email: [dohare@wrvsu.org](mailto:dohare@wrvsu.org)

Request: A TDV Team would be a wonderful support for students learning to read and navigate stress and anxiety. The goal is to plan for the 2025-26 academic year.

### **Henry Sheldon Museum**

One Park St, Middlebury, VT 05753

Contact: Barbara Rathburn, Visitor Services Coordinator

Tele 802-388-2117

Email: [brathburn@henrysheldonmuseum.org](mailto:brathburn@henrysheldonmuseum.org)

Request: Please join Evan as he presents on behalf of TDV and Nancy as she presents on our Crisis Response Program at the museum on October 11 from 10:30 – 12:30 pm so you can unleash smiles and spread magic with your pups. This event is open to the community and their pups to attend as well.