



Therapy Dogs of Vermont (TDV) is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization of well-mannered, sweet-tempered, people-loving dogs and their handlers. Our handler/canine teams work toward the emotional health of people in a variety of settings such as hospitals and other health-related venues, nursing and retirement homes, child and adult day care centers, correctional facilities, and schools.

Therapy dogs:

- Bring joy and laughter to institutions that might feel sterile, cold, and frightening
- Give something to do, talk, and think about other than illness, difficulties, or problems
- Provide a source of touch and affiliation
- Boost morale and lower stress levels
- Facilitate communication and break the ice
- Stimulate the senses, encouraging exercise and activity
- Help people cope with illness, loss, depression, and loneliness

Dogs can have a profound ability to touch and engage people. While it may not always be possible to quantify the benefits of dog therapy, the magical interaction possible between animal and human is unmistakable. Tears dry. Frowns become smiles. Inactive hands caress soft fur. Silence becomes a conversation whispered softly in a dog's ear.

Do you want to become involved in this magic? Read on!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



Therapy dogs...

- Come in all shapes, sizes, and breeds
- Are certified working animals with outstanding temperaments, obedience training, and a love of people

If you are looking for an exciting way to make a difference, **become a certified therapy dog team!**

Here's how:

1. Check out our guidelines.
2. Contact TDV at admin@therapydogs.org to find a Tester near you
3. Take the TDV test.
4. Go on three evaluation visits with an evaluator.
5. Submit the annual membership fee.
6. Receive insurance, identifying bandanas/dog tags, and newsletters.
7. **Volunteer!**

Guidelines, certification requirements, and contact information can be found at:

www.therapydogs.org

Don't have a dog or time to volunteer? Support TDV with a donation! Your generosity will allow us to provide therapy dog visits to the growing number of people and facilities we serve. Donations may be mailed to:

**TDV
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