



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.

Canine Therapy Offers These Benefits:

- Brings joy and laughter to institutions that might feel sterile, cold, and frightening
- Gives something to do, talk, and think about other than illness, difficulties, or problems
- Provides a source of touch and affiliation
- Boosts morale and lowers stress levels
- Facilitates communication and breaks the ice
- Stimulates the senses, encouraging exercise and activity
- Helps people cope with illness, loss, depression, and loneliness

Our dogs offer love, affection, and patience—bringing immense joy and comfort to the many people we serve. Often these canine friends have a profound ability to touch those not engaged by other kinds of therapies.

Please consider supporting 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
P.O. Box 1271
Williston, VT 05495-1271

TDV and Your Facility— A Win-Win Partnership



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.

TDV Services

- All TDV visits are free-of-charge; we are a non-profit organization driven by the efforts of our volunteers.
- For larger Therapy dog programs, TDV can help you schedule, manage, and recruit volunteers.
- TDV teams are flexible and creative—willing and able to become involved in your facility in the way that best meets your program's needs.
- TDV has experience with developing therapy dog policies and procedures and is happy to consult with your facility regarding such guidelines.

QUESTIONS?

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