

## **Minnesota Resources for Therapy Animals**

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The Minnesota Alliance on Crime compiled this list in conjunction with a webinar about therapy animals helping maltreated children. This list is not comprehensive; if any organizations are missing, email Kelly at [ed@mnallianceoncrime.org](mailto:ed@mnallianceoncrime.org) for inclusion. The Minnesota Alliance on Crime does not endorse any particular organization and has not vetted the organizations listed.

#### **Therapy Dogs International (TDI)**

Therapy Dogs International (TDI®) is a volunteer organization dedicated to regulating, testing and registration of therapy dogs and their volunteer handlers for the purpose of visiting nursing homes, hospitals, other institutions and wherever else therapy dogs are needed.

<http://www.tdi-dog.org/>

You can search online for an evaluator near you. There are numerous evaluators in Minnesota.

#### **Pet Partners (Delta)**

Pet Partners' Therapy Animal Program trains volunteers and screens volunteers and their pets for visiting animal programs in hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, schools and other facilities. <http://www.petpartners.org/page.aspx?pid=183>

To locate a MN instructor, evaluator, or affiliate group: <http://www.petpartners.org/directory>

#### **Therapy Dogs, Inc.**

It is a goal of Therapy Dogs Inc. to provide registration, support, and insurance for members who are involved in volunteer animal assisted activities. These activities include, but are not limited to, visits to hospitals, special needs centers, schools, and nursing homes. Our objective is to form a network of caring individuals who are willing to share their special animals in order to bring happiness and cheer to people, young and old alike.

<http://www.therapydogs.com/index.aspx>

To search for instructors and evaluators in MN:

[http://www.therapydogs.com/Become\\_A\\_Member.aspx](http://www.therapydogs.com/Become_A_Member.aspx)

#### **Canine Inspired Change**

Canine Inspired Change partners with therapy dogs and their people to promote social and emotional wellness in our community.

<http://www.canineinspiredchange.org/>

#### **A Rotta Love Plus**

A Rotta Love Plus (ARLP) is a comprehensive and proactive all-volunteer advocacy organization that uses a "nose-to-tail" approach to address the issues faced by Rottweilers and pit bulls. ARLP's strategies include public outreach and awareness to repair the reputation of its breeds, community enrichment and education via its therapy dog program, spay/neuter initiatives, owner education and training, and foster-based dog rescue and rehoming.

<http://www.arottalove.org/info/display?PageID=8746>

### **Healing through Horses**

Purpose - To reach at risk youth and adults with crisis prevention and life changing principles through the instrument of the horse. Roselawn Stables' website:

<http://www.roselawnstables.com>

### **Acres for Life Equine Assisted Therapy**

Equine Assisted Therapy is a practical modality incorporating a licensed therapist, equine specialist and horses that has proven to have a profound impact on individuals, youths, families and groups. It addresses a variety of mental health needs including chemical dependency, depression, grief and loss, eating disorders, anxiety, communication issues, attention deficit disorders, ASD, emotional behavioral issues, and relationship challenges.

[http://acresforlife.com/Home\\_Page.html](http://acresforlife.com/Home_Page.html)

### **CENSHARE (Center to Study Human Animal Relationships & Environments)**

We are a diverse group of people from the University of Minnesota and surrounding community dedicated to studying and improving human-animal relationships and environments. Our mission and vision includes education, research, and service. CENSHARE is a non-profit organization relying on external sponsorship to continue its activities.

<http://censhare.umn.edu/>

CENSHARE lists the following additional resources:

#### **Twin Cities Tail-Waggers Visiting Dogs**

Twin Cities Obedience Training Club

2101 Broadway NE, Minneapolis, MN

Contact: Carol Ouhl 651-762-1581

E-mail: [COuhl@email.msn.com](mailto:COuhl@email.msn.com) (prefers Delta Society)

#### **We'll Come A Waggin Therapy Dogs Visiting Dogs**

Golden Acres Dog Training

23640 Nacre St, NW, Elk River, MN 55330

Contact: Kelli Johnson 612-441-0089

E-mail: [golden-acres@msn.com](mailto:golden-acres@msn.com) (requires TDI, Inc)

#### **St. Paul Dog Training Club**

262 South Saratoga St.

South St. Paul, MN 55105

651-455-2431

#### **Pals on Paws**, a chapter of TDI

Anoka, MN

Contact: Pat Kinch 763-497-5809

14051 55th St. NE, Rogers, MN 55374

E-mail: [directors@palsonpaws.org](mailto:directors@palsonpaws.org) (requires TDI or Delta)

Web: <http://palsonpaws.org>

**Bark Avenue on Parade**

PO Box 62112, Minneapolis, MN 55426

Web: <http://www.barkavenue.org/>

**Helping Paws of Minnesota, Inc. Service Dogs**

PO Box 634, Hopkins, MN 55343-0634

Contact: Dawn Torine-Micko 612-988-9359

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**Caring Critters of MN, Inc.**

2254 Lilac Lane, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Contact: Carol Ouhl 651-762-1581

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