# How do Therapy Dogs Help Children?

- They provide unconditional love and acceptance
- Encourage positive emotional growth
- Encourage children to be calm and slow down
- Improve student learning & concentration
- Help alleviate stress & decrease blood pressure
- Provide an outlet for them to share their thoughts





# **Questions?**

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# Weyauwega Police Department



# Therapy Dog Program

## What is a Therapy Dog?

Therapy dogs visit various facilities such as schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and others. Working alongside their handlers, therapy dogs perform a vital service and allow people in these facilities a positive connection.



# How will the Therapy Dog work with the Police Department?

The therapy dog will attend extensive obedience training and therapy dog certification with the ultimate goal of reporting daily to school with Officer Heather. In the summertime, Officer Heather and the therapy dog plan to visit area businesses, daycares, libraries, summer school, and community events.

# How will the program be funded?

Our goal is to be a 100% donation funded program.

# Therapy Dog Fundraising Checklist

- Dog—Medium Sized Bernedoodle \$2.000
- Vet Bills—Annual Physical and Medications

\$650.00

- Collar/Leashes/Harness (Amazon) \$200.00
- Dog Food— \$35.99 (35# bag) x 12 \$431.88
- Grooming (\$35 every other month) \$210.00
- Obedience Training (Puppy) \$250.00
- Therapy Dog Training/Certification
   \$225.00

Total Fundraising goal for year1 operations: \$4,366.88

## **How can I donate?**

You can donate in person, by mail, or online.

### In Person:

Weyauwega Police Department or Weyauwega City Hall 109 E. Main Street

Weyauwega, WI 54983

### Mail:

Weyauwega Police Department
Attn: Therapy Dog Program
P.O. Box 470
Weyauwega, WI 54983

### Online:

Through Venmo

@WeyauwegaTherapyDog

