

# WHAT'S THE DOGGONE DIFFERENCE?



## Therapy

Trained and certified to comfort and reduce stress for those in a hospital, school, or other environments. They work alongside their handlers who are usually their owners and are granted special permission to enter facilities for visits.



## Facility

A therapy dog who belongs to a specific facility and, under the supervision of a handler, works with patients and staff to achieve therapeutic goals. These dogs typically have one to two years of specialized socialization and training.



## Service

A specially trained dog, prescribed by a medical professional, who performs tasks for an individual with a disability. These dogs have customized training and can accompany their owners in public places.



## Emotional Support

Animals prescribed by medical professionals providing therapeutic benefit through companionship. They have no required specialized training or certifications.

\*Not permitted at BAMC