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*

*This is a summary and does not include all requirements.*