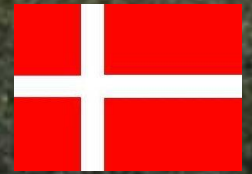




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Green Care: Status from Denmark

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Green Care in Denmark

The background image shows an elderly woman with short, curly white hair, wearing a dark purple sweater, looking down at a black dog. The dog is sitting next to her, looking towards the camera. They are in a room with a large wooden bookshelf filled with books in the background. The text is overlaid on the image in white font.

- Not a politically prioritised
- Denmark took part in "Cost 866"
- A few scientific projects in the area
- Green Care activities exist in Denmark

Teaching and pedagogic initiatives

Often independent institutions, publicly supported

- Teaching involving Green Care elements for children and young people with special needs due to learning difficulties, developmental disturbances or early emotional distress

**Havredal Praktiske Landbrugsskole
Poppelgården, Ærø
Æblegården, Årslev
"Haver til maver"**

Care centres for young with special needs

Public support and supervision

Institutions where you live, typically for young with psychiatric diseases and problems, developmental disturbances or drug abuse. Animals, farming and gardening is offered as an activity or part of a treatment

Examples:

Pionergruppen, *Kragebjerg*,
Holmstrupgaard, *Aarhus*
Siersbæklund Døgncenter,
Ringkøbing



Foto: Holmstrupgaard

Therapy Gardens

- In some cases referred from a doctor
- The patients pay themselves, e.g. an employer or insurance

Stress:

Nacadia, Hørsholm

Odsherred Terapihave

Tranegårdshaven, Tranekær

Abused women:

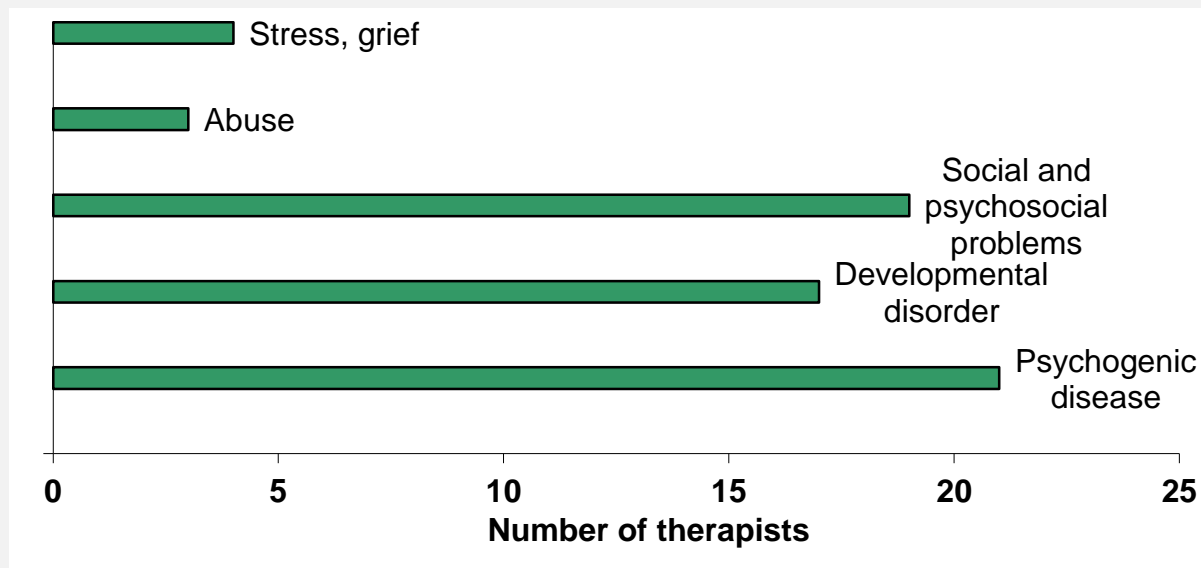
Danners terapihave, København: Abused women

Prisons

- 10 out of 16 prisons have a "green" working offer
- 2 prisons have milk production

Therapy animals

- Approximately 40 therapists
 - Primarily horse therapy
 - But now also "visitor dog"



(Thodberg og Christensen, 2010)

What is the potential in Denmark for Green Care?

- We are in close contact with nature and agriculture
 - Many farms are closed down or reorganised – opens the opportunities for new alternative activities
- Already many Green Care related activities, but more coordination is needed
- Lack of documentation

Evidence-based documentation



- What precisely is it that works?
- Which persons will benefit?
- What is the benefit for the society?

We need scientific studies



Questions?

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