

# Blue Dog Designs and Canine Rehabilitation Institute Announce

## THE HELP 'EM OUT CONTEST for Veterinary Technicians/Nurses

**(February 1, 2019)** -- Blue Dog Designs, makers of the **Help 'Em Up Harness®**, in partnership with **Canine Rehabilitation Institute (CRI)**, has announced the 2019 "Help 'Em Out" contest to encourage veterinary technicians/nurses to pursue education in canine rehabilitation. The winner of the "Help 'Em Out" contest will receive **free tuition** for *Introduction to Canine Rehabilitation*, one of the three courses required for certification by Canine Rehabilitation Institute – a **\$2,900 value!**

CRI and Blue Dog Designs created the competition to help more veterinary technicians and nurses become certified in canine rehabilitation to meet the growing demand in the field. Due to the positive response to last year's competition and strong interest in the field, the two are running the contest again.

**Kim Barrier, the winner of last years' "Help 'Em Out" Contest**, a lead veterinary technician with Texas Specialty Veterinary Services, was thrilled to gain the educational opportunity to help launch her career in canine rehabilitation. "My goal of helping rehabilitate dogs became more of a reality thanks to this partnership. Getting my CRI training gave me the confidence to take my new skills and hands-on experience I received from the program back to my practice and our patients," she stated. Kim's director, Dr. Justin Harper, DVM, DACVS, who also elected to pursue the CRI training added "It will also allow us to further our services to more cases and patients in need of advanced rehabilitation in our area."

The "Help 'Em Out" contest is open now through **April 15, 2019**. Entrants will need to meet the prerequisites for CRI's *Introduction to Canine Rehabilitation* [[www.caninerehabinstitute.com/Intro\\_CR.lasso](http://www.caninerehabinstitute.com/Intro_CR.lasso)], and write a 400-500-word essay explaining why they are interested in canine rehabilitation and what they hope to accomplish in their career.

The winner will be selected by representatives from Blue Dog Designs and CRI by **May 1, 2019** and would be eligible to attend *Introduction to Canine Rehabilitation* as early as **June 9-13** in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Information about the contest and an entry form can be found at:

**[www.caninerehabinstitute.com/News-Help-Em-Out-Contest.html](http://www.caninerehabinstitute.com/News-Help-Em-Out-Contest.html)**

**About CRI** – Canine Rehabilitation Institute (CRI) is the premier provider of education in canine rehabilitation. Students learn state-of-the-art rehabilitation techniques and get valuable hands-on experience working with dogs in the classroom. CRI's internationally recognized faculty members have extensive backgrounds in clinical practice, business management, and higher education. CRI has certified more than 1,000 students since it was founded in 2003, including veterinarians, physical therapists, and veterinary technicians from 30 countries. **Visit: [www.caninerehabinstitute.com](http://www.caninerehabinstitute.com)**

**About Blue Dog Designs** – Blue Dog Designs was launched in 2008 with the invention of the Help 'Em Up Harness, the first full-body lifting device for dogs with impaired mobility and strength. When dogs have difficulty moving because of muscle weakness, neurological disorders, orthopedic conditions, injuries, or surgical repairs, the Help 'Em Up Harness provides them with the extra help up they need to live active and healthy lives. **Visit: [www.helpemup.com](http://www.helpemup.com)**



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