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## Blue Dog Designs and Canine Rehabilitation Institute Announce Winner of The Help ‘Em Out Contest for Veterinary Technicians/Nurses pursuing a career in Canine Rehabilitation



(April 2018) – Blue Dog Designs, makers of the Help ‘Em Up® Harness, in partnership with Canine Rehabilitation Institute (CRI), is pleased to announce the winner of the Help ‘Em Out Contest: Kim Barrier, a lead veterinary technician from New Braunfels who works with Texas Specialty Veterinary Services (TSVS). Ms. Barrier will receive free tuition to CRI’s *Introduction to Canine Rehabilitation* - a \$2900.00 value.

Cary Zimmerman, President of Blue Dog Designs and inventor of the Help ‘Em Up® Harness, said he was very impressed by the response to the competition. “It certainly showed us how strong interest in the field of canine rehabilitation is,” he said.

"We are thrilled to be able to provide this educational opportunity to Ms. Barrier to help launch her career in canine rehabilitation," added Dr. Janet Van Dyke, founder and CEO of Canine Rehabilitation Institute. "After she completes CRI certification, she will be able to take her new skills and the hand-on experience that distinguishes our program back to her practice and patients."

Due to the strong interest shown by this group of professionals in pursuing education in canine rehabilitation, Blue Dog Designs has announced plans to sponsor the Help ‘Em Up Contest with CRI again next year! All entries submitted to this year’s Help ‘Em Out Contest will be kept on file for consideration next year. Applicants will be asked ahead of time for permission to be re-entered into the contest.

The Help ‘Em Out competition was designed to encourage veterinary technicians/nurses to pursue education in rehabilitation to meet growing demand in the field. Contestants needed to meet CRI's prerequisites and write an essay explaining why they were interested in canine rehabilitation and what they hoped to accomplish in their career. The contest ran from Feb. 1 – March 15, 2018.

For more information on Blue Dog Designs and the Help ‘Em Up® Harness visit: [www.helpemup.com](http://www.helpemup.com)

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