

June 2023 News

Congratulations to Kara Amstutz, DVM, DACVSMR, CVA, CVPP, CCRT!

We are proud to announce that Dr. Kara Amstutz has recently completed her residency and is now officially a Diplomate of the [American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation](#).

Dr. Amstutz completed a non-traditional residency under the guidance of Drs. Rick Wall, Kristin Kirkby Shaw, Bryan Torres, Patsy Mich, Jodi Matheson, Joe Wakshlag, Hillary Greatting, Sarah Love and Janet Van Dyke. She looks forward to sharing her knowledge with the students of CRI as well as treating her sports medicine and rehabilitation patients in clinical practice.

Additionally, Dr. Amstutz will be focusing some time in clinical research to advance the field of veterinary sports medicine and rehabilitation.

Interested in becoming a Diplomate? Learn more about [ACVSMR](#) and becoming board certified.



Register Now for Our December Introduction Module in Australia!



We are excited to announce that we will be traveling to Australia twice in 2023! Since our July Introduction to Canine Rehabilitation module in [Australia](#) SOLD OUT in only 48 hours, we will be holding another Introduction to Canine Rehabilitation module from December 8-11, 2023! [Register now](#) to reserve your seat in this class!



Register for Our October Online Business Course!

We are excited to offer [The Business of Canine Rehabilitation](#) again this October. This live/interactive course includes three Zoom sessions on October 11, 18, and 25 with additional videos and course content in between sessions. Students will focus on creating a business plan and learning strategies for achieving profitability in a canine rehabilitation practice. [Learn more and register.](#)



Join Us for Exercise Physiology in Alaska!

We are heading back to Alaska in January for our [Exercise Physiology of the Working Canine](#) continuing education course!

This 4-day program, taught by [Michael Davis, DVM, PhD, Dipl ACVIM, ACVSMR](#), encompasses 18 hours of RACE-approved CE covering exercise physiology and sports medicine in working dogs and the complete experience of working with the ultimate canine athlete: the Alaskan Husky sled dog.

The course will be held January 27-30 in Big Lake, Alaska, and you may also add on an optional full day of dog mushing if you choose.

"What a fantastic experience! A graduate-level course on exercise physiology and working with sled dogs! It just doesn't get any better."

*—Amber Ihrke, DVM, DACVSMR,
Homer Glen, Illinois*

Space is limited, and this course sold out quickly last year! [Register now](#) to reserve your seat!



In the Words of Our Students ...

"I thoroughly enjoyed the entire learning process – it exceeded my expectations! I decided to pursue this certification because I wanted to do something that I am passionate about and I appreciate the opportunity that you have given me. It's exciting to learn a whole new skill set, and I can't wait to put it into practice! The instructors have been extremely inspiring and the fellow students has been very supportive. It's comforting to meet so many like-minded people who want to make a difference in a dog's life. Thank you so much!"

– Denise Mayhew, MS, PT, Winter Garden, Florida

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Our July Veterinary Nurse and Therapeutic Exercise Modules Are Open for Registration!

Veterinary technicians/nurses: Registration is open for our July [Canine Rehabilitation Veterinary Nurse](#) and [Canine Therapeutic Exercise](#) modules. These are the second and third modules in the [CCRVN certification program](#). Register now to reserve your seat!



Registration Is Open for 2024 Courses!

We have just opened registration for many 2024 rehabilitation modules, and we still have openings in a few 2023 courses! [Click here](#) for a calendar of our in-person and online classes. [Register](#) now to reserve your seat in these upcoming classes!

2023

- [Canine Rehabilitation Veterinary Nurse](#), July 7-9, Springfield, Missouri
- [Canine Therapeutic Exercise](#), July 10-11, Springfield, Missouri
- [Clinical Applications](#), August 29-30, Springfield, Missouri (**Limited Seating**)
- [The Business of Canine Rehabilitation](#), October 11, 18, 25, Live/Interactive Online Course
- [Introduction to Canine Rehabilitation](#), November 3-6, Springfield, Missouri (**Limited Seating**)
- [Clinical Skills](#), December 1-3, Springfield, Missouri
- [Introduction to Canine Rehabilitation](#), December 8-11, Brisbane, Australia



2024

- [Introduction to Canine Rehabilitation](#), January 6-9, Springfield, Missouri
- [Clinical Applications](#), January 10-11,



- Springfield, Missouri
- [Exercise Physiology of the Working Canine](#), January 27-30 plus Optional Full-Day Mushing on January 31 or February 1, Big Lake, Alaska
- [Introduction to Canine Rehabilitation](#), February 12-15, Springfield, Missouri
- [Canine Rehabilitation Veterinary Nurse](#), March 18-20, Springfield, Missouri
- [Canine Therapeutic Exercise](#), March 21-22, Springfield, Missouri
- [Clinical Skills](#), April 15-17, Springfield, Missouri
- [Clinical Applications](#), April 18-19, Springfield, Missouri



Are You Ready to Add Acupuncture to Your Practice?

Veterinarians and veterinary students: Start making plans to attend our [Certified Veterinary Acupuncture Therapist program](#) in 2024. CRI will be moving the Acupuncture program to the Headquarters in Springfield, Missouri in 2024! We will announce the dates of our upcoming modules soon.

Veterinary students, please see the [Veterinary Student Certification page](#) for complete details about the certification process.



CRI Faculty Spotlight

Meet Dr. Kristin Kirkby Shaw!

CRI's June Faculty Spotlight is Kristin Kirkby Shaw, DVM, MS, PhD, CCRT, DACVS, DACVSMR. Kristin is a small animal surgeon and rehabilitation specialist whose career has focused on bridging the gap between these two disciplines, with specific emphasis on management of osteoarthritis and chronic pain. Kristin is a past president of the American Association of Rehabilitation Veterinarians, a frequent invited speaker at national and international veterinary conferences, and the author of numerous journal articles and textbook chapters. She now works for Zoetis as the company's pain/OA/surgery/rehabilitation specialist.



A few fun facts about Kristin ...

Start work late or leave work early? I didn't know that leaving work early was ever an option??

Messy desk or clean desk? Are we talking

#goals or #reality here?

Win the lottery and not work or land your dream job and work forever? Can I win the lottery and continue to work? That opens up more dream jobs if I don't have to worry about making ends meet.

Pizza or tacos? So easy – pizza

Puppies or kittens? Puppies

Read Dr. Kristin Kirkby Shaw's [biography](#) on the CRI website, and check our [Facebook page](#) for more fun facts about Dr. Kristin!



Check Out CRI's Online Learning Platforms

CRI's online learning platforms are an amazing way to update your clinical knowledge — [click here](#) to learn more about our online CRI Member Library that has over 80+ hours (and growing) of CE. We also offer the [CRI Acupuncture Member Library](#) focused only on acupuncture.



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Veterinary Nurse Corner

Veterinary nurses and assistants: We have updated our CCRVN and CCRA program starting November 2022. Our certification modules are now:

- [Introduction to Canine Rehabilitation](#)
- [Canine Rehabilitation Veterinary Nurse](#)
- [Canine Therapeutic Exercise](#)

Visit our [CCRVN page](#) for complete details.



Congratulations to Our May Introduction, Clinical Applications, and Diagnostic Musculoskeletal

Ultrasound Students – and our June Introduction Students in Belgium!

Congratulations to all our students who have completed certification and continuing education classes in May and June!



Students, faculty, and a dog professor gathered for a class photo during [Introduction to Canine Rehabilitation](#), held May 5-8 in Springfield, Missouri.



Students, faculty, and dog professors posed for a class photo during [Clinical Applications](#), held May 9-10 in Springfield, Missouri.



Students and faculty took a class photo during [Diagnostic Musculoskeletal Ultrasound](#), held May 23-24 in Springfield, Missouri.



Students, faculty and dog professors took a class photo during [Introduction to Canine Rehabilitation](#), held June 3-6 at the amazing [Het Waterhof](#) rehabilitation center in beautiful Velm, Belgium. Thank you to CRI faculty member [Ellen Martens](#) for hosting us. We are looking forward to heading back soon for more courses!

Sign Up for Free Articles and Resources from CARE!

Did you know [Canine Arthritis Resources and Education \(CARE\)](#) has a wealth of FREE resources to help veterinary professionals and pet owners manage osteoarthritis (OA)?



CARE's featured **Article of the Month** is just one of many resources available with a free subscription.

Proposed Canadian Consensus Guidelines on Osteoarthritis Treatment Based on OA-COAST Stages 1–4

Frontiers in Veterinary Science, April 2022

Authors: Conny Mosley, et al, 2022.

Abstract: The Canadian consensus guidelines on OA treatment were created from a diverse group of experts, with a strong clinical and/or academic background in treating OA in dogs. The document is a summary of the treatment recommendations made by the group, with treatments being divided into either a core or secondary recommendation. Each treatment or modality is then summarized in the context of available research based support and clinical experience, as the treatment of OA continues to be a multimodal and commonly a multidisciplinary as well as individualized approach. The guidelines aim to help clinicians by providing clear and clinically relevant information about treatment options based on COAST defined OA stages 1-4.

[Read the full article.](#)

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June Events from Onlinepethealth

Good morning, Vetrehabbers! Welcome to June! It feels quite surreal that we are already hitting the midpoint of 2023 — it has been an incredible 2023 so far for [Onlinepethealth](#), and we look forward to continuing to learn and grow together with our community in the second half of the year, as we head towards the Vet Rehab Summit in November. ☐

This month, Onlinepethealth Members can look forward to 5 phenomenal webinars being released. Two small animal lectures airing include systemic diseases in performance dogs with Sarah Love and fibrotic myopathy rehabilitation with Leilani Alvarez. Equine webinars this month include the final webinar in a series of 4 webinars with Gillian Tabor, focusing on tendon rehabilitation — the final webinar looks at complex tendon and ligament injuries in other areas of the body — think peroneus tertius, supraspinous ligament, and biceps brachii tendons. We also welcome Raquel Butler as she dives into bodywork for foals and young horses. Hydrotherapists can look forward to a phenomenal webinar with Debbie Torraca this month on advanced exercise techniques for the pelvic limbs.

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What's Happening This Month

*all content and webinars are available from the 4th of every month



Systemic Diseases in Performance Dogs

Sarah Love

Fibrotic Myopathy: Can Rehab Therapy Help?

Leilani Alvarez



Complex Tendon or Ligament Injuries

Gillian Tabor

Bodywork for Foals and Young Horses

Raquel Butler



Advanced Exercise Techniques for the Pelvis

Debbie Torraca

We are gearing up towards the Vet Rehab Summit on the 10th and 11th of November, where we welcome Vibeke Elbrond and Rikke Schultz to lecture on the equine and canine myofascial chains and how we can influence them in rehabilitation. It is going to be a phenomenal two days — make sure that you join us live!!

If you would like to learn more about the Onlinepethealth Memberships and how you can #neverstoplearning, head over to our website at www.onlinepethealth.com.

Kind regards,
The Onlinepethealth Team

Breezie Dog Professor of the Month

Our June Breezie Dog Professor of the Month is Duncan, who is owned by Janet Williams. "Duncan came to live with us in 2016," Janet says. "He was retiring from the conformation ring. His favorite things in life are his cat, Peggy, and his little human girl, Vivian. He has tried a few different performance sports but only really enjoys fast cat. Oh! And he would love to compete in Olympic Napping."

In recognition of this honor, Duncan will receive a \$50 gift certificate from [Jiminy's](#) good for any of their treats or dog food. Congratulations, Duncan!



Thank You to Our Sponsors!

For more information, download the [Sponsorship Opportunities flier](#) or [contact Dwight Amstutz](#).

An advertisement for Jiminy's Original Cricket Chirps dog food. On the left is a close-up of a dog's face. In the center, the text reads "I'M REDUCING MY CARBON PAWPRINT WITH JIMINY'S". On the right is a bag of the product, which lists ingredients: PEANUT BUTTER, CRICKETS, FLAX SEED, LENTILS, and BLUEBERRIES. At the bottom, the text says "DELICIOUS • NUTRITIOUS • SUSTAINABLE • HUMANE". The website "www.jiminy's.com" is also visible.

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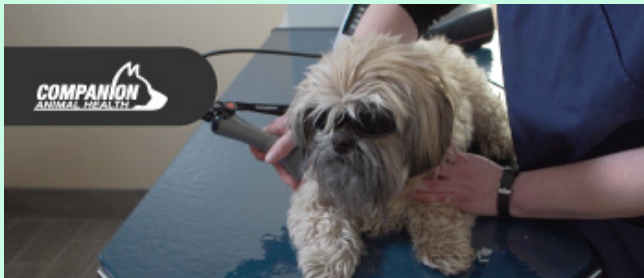
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