

Real-life feedback about Bold Lead Designs' Mobility Support Harness

I promise these are all real and unsolicited comments from genuinely happy customers! Thanks for your interest in my work. I love what I do and I hope you do too. --Katrina Boldry, Owner & Designer

Much thought and planning went into the design of the Mobility Support Harness, taking into consideration the dogs' health and the person's safety. I am impressed with the quality and sturdiness of the materials used. It fits the dog well minimizing any stress on joints and irritation from rubbing, making it very comfortable for the dog. At the same time, the design of the harness provides stability for the person regardless of the direction of force put on the harness. This product both provides assistance for a person with poor balance but keeps the dog safe.



--Marty Pease, PT, CCRP at Canine Rehabilitation and Conditioning Group

Bold Lead Designs has worked extensively to create custom harnesses for service dogs that have minimal impact on the musculoskeletal system, allow comfortable range of motion and provide additional padding at potential pressure points.

--Tara Briff, VMD, DACVS



Hi Katrina,

The beautiful harness has arrived! I am amazed at how much lighter in weight it is than my old harness! Michelle sniffed it over thoroughly and then had no problem with trying it on.

. . . Michelle and I walked our 3 mile course both Saturday and Sunday and did our normal work day stuff Monday and Tuesday and everything has been great with the harness and the black leash. The harness is not slipping or listing at all. . . Thanks also for including "how to clean" the harness instructions. I was never sure how to clean my old one properly. . . I sure wish that I had known about you 2 1/2 years ago when I first needed a balance assistance harness. I am real glad that you have made one for CCI. I am hoping that means they will get the word out to others who need harnesses. I absolutely love it and thank you so much! --Robin

HI KATRINA

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE EXPERTISE AND CARE GIVEN IN THE CREATING OF SHEP'S HARNESS.

AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE PICTURES HE IS COMFORTABLE AND AT EASE WHILE WEARING HIS HARNESS. I ACTUALLY THINK SHEP WEARS IT WITH PRIDE! AS HE WAGS HIS TAIL IN ANTICIPATION WHEN I PUT IT ON HIM.

ALL PERSONS INVOLVED FROM THE VET TO THERAPIST ARE MOST IMPRESSED WITH THE SAFETY AND COMFORT OF THE HARNESS. AND FOR ME IT SERVES MY PURPOSE TO THE MAXIMUM.

I TRULY THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF SHEP AND I. SINCERELY, --JIM B.



Thank you so much for my new harness. The quality is absolutely exceptional. I feel more steady on my feet with this harness. My old harness used to tilt back and forth and made me feel more unsteady. I used to get so tired just putting my old harness on my dog. Your harness is so quick and easy to put on with the quick release latches. It also slips over my dog's head so much easier than my old one. Thanks for the great service you provided. —Tina H.



The mobility harness is beyond our expectations! I am attaching a photo of the first time Libia sees Molly in her new harness. (I will get a better photo and send it to you.) The harness fit her perfectly right out of the box (although in the photo think we need to lower the chest strap). Libia says she feels very safe and solid using it. I am amazed how light, yet sturdy the harness is. When Molly was using my extra harness, she didn't like putting it on and off. With the new one she actually put her head right into it. After using it and removing it the first time, she all but begged to get back into it. Thank you for making such a high quality and well designed & constructed harness. --Gale P.

Hi Katrina

I received the (ergonomic) handle a little over a week ago and we have been going about our lives with it. **It does take a lot of stress off of my elbow and wrist...I love it!**

Thanks, Robin &Michelle

I absolutely LOVE the ergonomic handle! It has made a big difference with comfort. I actually was using a fleece padded cover on the regular handle for my hand, but now I don't need to use that anymore. The design is really easy to grip and hold onto.

I have now been using it for a week and I wouldn't go back to the regular handle. --Nancie and Rand

Hi Katrina,

Thank you for the email. I absolutely love my harness. It's so much easier for me to put this harness on Dakota versus my old harness. In fact, Dakota and I went to the movies the other week and I took her harness off her so she would be more comfortable for the 2-1/2 hour movie. I had to put her harness back on her at the end in the dark. I had no trouble doing this in the dark. I could not have done this with my old harness. I'm even able to put the harness on with no trouble when I'm not feeling that well. I don't get tired putting this harness on like I did with the old one. I also think Dakota likes how this one slides over her head better than the old one.



--Tina

Dear Katrina,

Now that I have been using the harness for a few weeks, I have to formally tell you how happy we are with it. I say "we" because the most important thing to me is that my dog be comfortable. He has worn other harnesses, but it is clear from how he walks while wearing it, and his attitude when I put it on him that he is much happier with yours!! You do absolutely beautiful work and your customer service is outstanding.

Ever grateful, -- Nancie and Rand

Hi Katrina,

Maggie loves the new harness! Yesterday was her first full day (school, a tour of the high school and therapy) using the harness and she said it was much, much better {than the previous harness from another company}. Her therapist likes it as well as it allows Maggie to stand up straighter when they are walking together. Thank you!

--Megan (Maggie's mother)

Thanks!!! After using the harness for a couple of days i love it!! It is so much easier to use - easier to put on and take off - and it looks so great on Solomon. No-one ever wants to "need" a service dog, but since I have to use one I am really glad that I have a harness that looks so class and elegant. I also feel more confident now that the harness is the right height for my arm - thank you so much for providing this service for people like me!!! -Sue and Solomon

Baron is getting used to his harness and I'm **LOVING** it. We only needed to adjust the breast plate, every where else **fits just as though you had him in your hands to make the harness.** --Katherine & Barron

The harness is perfect!! Thank you so much! FYI -- The other family who got their harness from LDS likes ours better than theirs and I think the paws4people foundation plans to contact you for any future harnesses. Thanks so much for everything! You have been so wonderful to us!!!! --Susan H.



"ELLIE and Amanda love their harness! They are walking great together. Amanda holds on all the time and loves the feel of the handle. Thanks so much for everything!!!!"

Katrina,

I just wanted to drop you a note to let you know we got the harness ok. It is beautiful. We have put it on Journey and made some adjustments with help from your notes. He acts so proud to wear it. He was not fond of the old harness-I think because the strap went right snug behind his front arm. This fits smoothly, doesn't seem to shift, the ease of getting it on and the workmanship is great! I know we will be making adjustments as he continues to wear it for a short period, but we are very happy....although I have to admit that Journey was more excited with the treats you added to the box...to him that was his priority. And again, thanks so much for a beautiful harness!

...*(and another nice note)*...

The harness worked great on our trip. Journey is obviously more comfortable in it than his other one. Now that we are home and he has worn it awhile, I think I will make a few adjustments in the buckles. But so far it seems great. I don't notice any pressure points that bother him so I am very pleased! I am trying to get the hang of raising the handle faster as I am very slow at it but will get the hang of it I am sure. I will keep you posted of any questions, problems or of how much we love it. Thanks, -Paula



Hi Katrina,

Thor and I love his harness!!!! It fits us both perfectly and he loves wearing it. He hated his old one and only wanted to walk a for few steps and then sit down. It was very bulky and cumbersome. He sees his new one and dances around for me to hurry up and put it on. The change in his attitude is amazing. The ergonomic handle is so comfortable, my arm doesn't hurt anymore walking him and I love that it easily fold down when we go in restaurants and tight areas. Your design is so well thought out for both of us, I could not be happier and would recommend you to anyone needing a balance harness. Thank you from both of us. --Susan and Thor



Here is a couple of pic with harness, **Thank you so much for this new chance to stay standing and feel confident** that this new harness has done for Taji and I. **THANK YOU SO MUCH**

--Sgt. Jaramillo, retired



Hi. Remember me? You made a harness for Solomon and I continue to be so very thankful to you for making this harness. I was on an airplane a few weeks ago - a very SMALL airplane and there was no extra room at my feet for the dog. I folded the handle down on the harness and he went under the seats in front of me and slept like a baby!!!! He literally did not move the entire flight. It amazes me that he is able to sleep and be so comfortable in this harness. If I would have had my old harness, we would have been in big trouble because there was no room for the big, bulky harness.

I was in the store yesterday with Solomon and a lady approached us and asked me where I got my harness. I was more than happy to tell her, so I hope she will contact you and purchase a harness for her dog.....

Again - thank you!!!!

--Sue and Solomon

Hello Katrina! I love the harness. It's utterly fantastic and meets my needs very nicely. The ultimate proof was today in the store. I was shopping and not paying much attention, and missed my dog's alert. I started to go down and made a wild grab for the fixed handle. I caught it, Joss braced hard, and it saved me a date with the floor! There's no way his last harness could have done it. Below (is) a brief review I wrote on a SD forum. I'm raving about it to anyone who will listen.

--Emily and JOSS

Emily's review from her online blog:

I just received my custom mobility harness from Bold Lead Designs. As a person who needs counterbalance only, it was very difficult for me to find a harness that met both the needs of me and my dog. Katrina listened to those needs with the courteous and knowledgeable attention to detail that I'd expect from the very best. The harness was made with great skill. It works as advertised, and best of all, my dog is 100% comfortable in it!

The harness fits great! As promised, it has no hardware rubbing the dog. The sheepskin padding keeps it all away from his hair. His range of motion is great. The harness is stable and has adjustments in the shoulder, chest, girth, and belly!

The breastplate stays in place even over the big Dober-chest during a down. There is no pressure on the soft tissue above the breastbone/muscles.

Katrina, I received the harness today. It is beautiful! Such workmanship. I wasn't home when it arrived. When I came home Thomas greeted me at the door wearing his new harness. I was shocked. (No he doesn't wear his harness in the house) My husband had put it on him so he could surprise me. Tommy actually likes it. He was so proud of it. I wish you could have seen him. When I took it off from him, my boxer, Maximum Force, came over, pushed Tom away and stuck his head in the harness. We laughed so hard at him. He was so proud too. I think it will be wonderful. . . . You do fantastic work, we are so impressed. Thank you again for a wonderful product. I feel like it is Christmas here today. And Tommy is some proud to walk around with his new harness. He doesn't whine, or wiggle trying to get it off. Some improvement. I hated to make him wear the other harness knowing he was so uncomfortable. Thank you again!!! --Beverly

Hi Katrina!

Yes, I got the harness today, **WOW! Your workmanship is incredible, it is absolutely beautiful!!!** ...You'll be happy to know that the handle is wonderful! I may have some minor fitting glitches with the harness itself but the handle is just right. The girth is a great fit as well, and the breastplate and front all fit after some adjusting. I know we need to use it a while to make sure we have the proper fit. I love your design and it is a nice, lightweight too! I'm very pleased! Looking forward to talking with you soon and will let you know how its working momentarily. Thanks so much again,
-Christy .



See Christy and Winsor B. at work on their website:

<http://hopeforchristy.com/>

Dear Katrina,

I can not thank you enough for making my best friend "Curry" her mobility harness! It is absolutely beautiful and the quality of your work is exceptional! Clearly you love what you do and it shows by your using only the best of materials. The ergonomic handle grip is great....along with the pull handle strap. Now I'm able to walk my girl without any other aids.....she's loving it and so am I! It was my honor to showcase your harness at our recent Southeastern Guide Dogs Walk-a-thon! Your harness spoke for itself!!

It's been a pleasure working with you! I'm looking forward to receiving her new collar, lead & pouch! "Curry" will then be fully coordinated and will look as cute as cute can be! Your harness will get a lot of press as we do quite a bit of traveling across the country and our volunteer work with the school.

If anyone would like a reference, like I did, keep my e-mail and phone number handy....no need to ask first! I wish you all the best with your company! You are certainly on your way to becoming known as 'the best mobility harness maker in the country'!

-Carole and Curry

I got the harness . . . I was thrilled beyond belief when I came home and found it. My husband handles horse drawn carriages, harness and appointments and both of us were amazed at the fine quality and workmanship on this piece. You did an amazing job. Sweet Arkin had no problems at all walking right into it. He is a bit hesitant feeling more pressure on his back than he did before but we are working hard at learning each others signals.

I could also use some more of your business cards because everyone who has seen it (all of my Capital Chapter CCI friends, and folks at the hospital, social services, MS support group, etc.) has asked about it. Hopefully I can send some business your way. Thanks for your great job.

-Nancy and her beloved Arkin (Arkin sends nuzzles!)

Based on information volunteered from our clients, people affected by a variety of medical conditions may benefit from the use of Mobility Support Harness to aid their mobility and balance, including but not limited to:

Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's,
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Spinal Cord Injury,
Stroke, Cerebral Palsy,
Hemispherectomy, Amputation/Prosthetics,
Vertigo, Vestibular balance disorder,
Osteoporosis, Arthritis, Fibromyalgia, Rheumatism,
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD),
Myopathy, Other Neurological Diseases