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The fear of losing one's dignity due to illness or infirmities is one of the deepest fears we face, for ourselves and for our pets. When the simple act of moving with ease, to address such basic needs as elimination is adversely impacted, a degree of self esteem vanishes. With the creation of the 'Bottoms Up Leash', our canine companions have received a boost to their pride and their rear ends.

The most common source of chronic pain in dogs is osteoarthritis. It is estimated that 1 in 5 adult dogs suffer with the pain of this progressive disease. Medications can assist in alleviating some of the discomfort, but no medication can cure it. As the disease progresses, a pet is less able to rise and walk. Good nursing care, on the part of the caregiver, can aid in extending the good quality of life for pets afflicted with this crippling disease. But often the size of the pet and the strength of the owner are mismatched. When an owner is no longer able to help their pet get around, in the past, euthanasia has been the only solution. This marvelous invention can't turn back time, but it can literally lend a hand. The 'Bottoms Up Leash', though deviously simple, permits a dog to safely and easily rise plus balance an unsteady paw. Once up, the pet can attend to personal needs or partake in one of its favorite activities, sharing a walk with its human.

The 'Bottoms Up Leash' is fully adjustable to meet the requirements of the medium to large breed dogs. The leash may only be needed for a short time, as with a dog that is recuperating from orthopedic surgery or trauma. In the case of the senior dog, the harness may become a part of its everyday life.

I have been a veterinarian for over 20 years. It has been my passion to assist owners in securing the best quality of life possible, for a long a possible for their pets. Few products have impressed me to the degree that this harness has. It was created from the love of a pet, 'Watson' Costell, rather than from a desire to make a dollar. I full heartedly recommend the 'Bottoms Up Leash' for my challenged canine patients. It provides dignity of movement, freedom to attend to bodily functions and permits them to more actively participate in our lives. My name is Dr. Bernadine Cruz.