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Pain center for dogs opens in Houston

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A center devoted to pain management and rehabilitation for dogs that claims to be the first of its kind in the country has opened its doors in Houston.

The Canine Health Institute, located at 3800 Southwest Freeway, supplements the work of primary care veterinarians by working with them to customize preventative and special treatment programs for dogs, using techniques similar to those used on human patients.

The institute focuses on canine patients including geriatric dogs with arthritis, neurologically impaired and post-operative dogs and other dogs needing rehabilitation.

The Canine Health Institute also treats dogs unable to undergo surgery due to age or medical conditions.

The Canine Health Institute was founded in February 2009 by Dr. Jeffrey Kozak, chief executive officer, and his wife, Vickey, who serves as the chief operating officer.