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Pet lady: That's my role in the Miami Herald newsroom. I've been here since 1989, during which time I've had eight dogs, a ring-necked parakeet, a chicken, and a lizard named Lance. At the moment, I've got four dogs, two step-dogs, and two cockatiels. A native New Yorker, I came here from Louisville, Ky. I'm a graduate of the University of Arizona, and had a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard in 1988. I have written 233 stories containing the word 'dog' in the past 17 years.

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## National Service Dog Eye Exam Day

**Meridian, ID, April 15, 2008** - The American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists ACVO®, Pet Health Systems (PHS) and Merial are launching the [ACVO® National Service Dog Eye Exam](#) event the week of May 12, 2008. This unprecedented event will provide free sight-saving eye exams and preventative health reports to 5,000-10,000 Service Dogs. Over 140 board certified veterinary ophthalmologists and 1,300 general veterinarians across the U.S. will work together to provide these services at no cost to Service Dog groups including: guide dogs, handicapped assistance dogs, detection dogs and search and rescue dogs. With this event, ACVO® and PHS hope to give back to these animals who selflessly serve the public for no compensation. They will accomplish this goal while donating nearly \$1 million in services to the 5,000-10,000 Service Dogs anticipated to participate. Merial, makers of HEARTGARD® Plus (ivermectin/pyrantel) and FRONTLINE®, is the official event sponsor.

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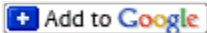
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