

# Vitals

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## Free Eye Exams For Service Dogs In May

Vision Care - They dedicate their lives to helping people with disabilities navigate life, but service dogs rely on their vision to do it.

That's why the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) is launching its third annual ACVO-Merial National Service Dog Eye Exam Event this May, when more than 150 board certified veterinary ophthalmologists in Canada and the U.S. will provide free eye exams to thousands of service dogs.

To qualify for a free exam, the animals must be active working dogs that were certified by a formal organization or training program or are enrolled in one. A list of qualifying groups is online at [ACVOeyeexam.org](http://ACVOeyeexam.org).

The dog owner or agent must register the animal online between now and May 16 ([ACVOeyeexam.org](http://ACVOeyeexam.org)). Once registered, they can locate a local participating ophthalmologist and book an appointment in May. Eye exam dates and times are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Parent Tested, Parent Approved

New Products - Wouldn't it be nice to take the guesswork out of new toys or family gadgets? It is, thanks to the PTPA (Parent Tested Parent Approved) Media Awards.

This year's consumer product winners range from a digital food freshness tracker to an SUV diaper changing station. Since PTPA winners have been tested by independent parents in their own homes, the thinking is the products must be good if regular moms and dads liked them in the parenting trenches.

Here are five spring 2010 PTPA winners:

- | Septoys: a system that uses seven-sided blocks to spark creativity and create an infinite number of kaleidoscope designs.
- | DaysAgo Digital Counter: this gadget tracks when you opened a container of food or when you last watered the plants.
- | Shred Sled: A four-wheel, dual-deck in-line castor board will encourage kids to get active outdoors.
- | Dipe n' Go: A baby changing station for the SUV that attaches semi-permanently to the inside of the vehicle and remains stocked with supplies.
- | Lunch Box Love: A collection of notes that contain positive messages on the front of the card and a fun trivia fact on the back. Throw it in your child's lunch box for a daily surprise.

For a complete list of spring 2010 award winners go to [ptpamedia.com](http://ptpamedia.com).