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Veterinary Specialty Hospital Offers Complimentary Sight-Saving Eye Exams for Service Dogs

SAN DIEGO, CA--(Marketwire - April 12, 2010) - Guide dogs, disability assistance dogs, detection, police, and search and rescue dogs selflessly serve the public. For the month of May 2010, [Veterinary Specialty Hospital](#), in partnership with the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO), is launching the 3rd annual ACVO/Merial National Service Dog Eye Exam Event to help serve these dogs who dedicate their lives to serving us. More than 170 board certified veterinary ophthalmologists across the U.S. and Canada will provide free sight-saving eye exams to thousands of [service dogs](#).

Now for the third year, Dr Tony Basher, board certified ophthalmologist at the Veterinary Specialty Hospital of San Diego, will be conducting service dog eye examinations in the month of May. According to Dr. Basher, "It is very important that these working animals have good vision. The examination can allow early detection of potential problems such as cataracts or retinal abnormalities."

To qualify, dogs must be active "working dogs" that were certified by a formal training program or organization or currently enrolled in a formal training program. Specific service dog groups are listed on the website at [www.ACVOeyeexam.org](#).

Owners/agents for the dog(s) must FIRST register online at [www.ACVOeyeexam.org](#). Registration ends May 16th. Once registered, contact Veterinary Specialty Hospital at 858.875-7500 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are filled on a first-come, first serve basis.



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About Veterinary Specialty Hospital

Veterinary Specialty Hospital has been a leader in [specialty veterinary care](#) since 1990, fulfilling the need for specialty healthcare and [emergency services for animals](#) in San Diego County and Southern California. With hospitals conveniently located in Sorrento Valley and San Marcos, we are able to offer exceptional patient care to all of San Diego County and beyond. 34 Doctors of Veterinary Medicine, including 18 board certified specialists in the areas of surgery, internal medicine, medical oncology, radiation oncology, neurology / neurosurgery, ophthalmology, dentistry, emergency / critical care and dermatology serve the community.

About the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists

The American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists is an approved veterinary specialty organization of the American Board of Veterinary Specialties, and is recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association. Its mission is "to advance the quality of veterinary medicine through certification of veterinarians who demonstrate excellence as specialists in veterinary ophthalmology."

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