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Registration begins April 1st for May 2010 event.

Clarksburg, NJ -- Guide dogs, handicapped assistance dogs, detection dogs and search and rescue dogs selflessly serve the public. So, for the month of May 2010, NorthStar VETS will participate in the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO)/Merial 3rd annual National Service Dog Eye Exam Event to help serve these dogs who dedicate their lives to serving us.

Kristina R. Vygantas, DVM is one of more than 150 board certified veterinary ophthalmologists across the U.S. and Canada who will provide free sight-saving eye exams to thousands of service dogs nationwide. Dr. Vygantas, DVM, Diplomate ACVO, is a graduate of the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University. She completed her internship in small animal medicine, as well as her residency in ophthalmology at Auburn University. She became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists in 2002, and was in private practice in Birmingham, Alabama for the four years prior to joining the NorthStar VETS team in July 2005. Her special interests include corneal surgery and wound healing, as well as equine ophthalmology.

"We have served New Jersey's pets and their owners for nearly a decade, and have earned a reputation for exceptional medical expertise that is provided in a comfortable, welcoming facility by a team of professionals who are committed to the highest quality, personalized care and service," said Daniel Stobie, DVM, MS - Chief of Staff, NorthStar VETS. Our team is pleased to support and participate in this national initiative to give back to the service animals who protect their owners, and in many cases protect our community and our nation.

This event is a success each year due to the outstanding support of volunteer ophthalmologists, sponsors and the service dog community. All are instrumental in helping these dogs. These exams help identify any health issues in their early stages. Early detection and treatment are the keys to fast recovery. Doctors will perform a complete ocular exam and perform a thorough search for things that will limit their vision down the road. Obstructions can be as small as an ingrown hair or anything that can result in a scratch of the cornea.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE 2010 EVENT:

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. The certifying organization could be national, regional or local in nature. Specific service groups are listed on the website at www.ACVOeyeexam.org

Owners/agents for the dog(s) must FIRST register the animal via an online registration form beginning April 1, at www.ACVOeyeexam.org Registration ends May 16th. Once registered online, the owner/agent can call NorthStar VETS (located minutes away from SixFlags Great Adventure) at 609-259-8300 and schedule an appointment with ophthalmologist, Kristina Vygantas, DVM, DACVO, during the month of May. Appointment dates and times are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more about and register for the ACVO®/Merial® National Service Dog Eye ExamEvent, please visit www.ACVOeyeexam.org

About NorthStar VETS:

NorthStar VETS, formerly known as Veterinary Surgical and Diagnostic Specialists, was established in 2000 as a mobile surgery practice and has grown to a comprehensive specialty and emergency trauma hospital serving all of New Jersey. Board-certified veterinary specialists provide a full range of specialty diagnostic and treatment services, including Cardiology, CT & MRI, Dermatology, Emergency and Critical Care, Endoscopy, Internal Medicine, Ophthalmology, Radiology, Radioiodine (I-131), Physical Therapy, Surgery, and Ultrasound. NorthStar VETS works in collaboration with referring family veterinarians and is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. At NorthStar VETS, we strive to provide our patients with the finest practitioners, modernized technology, exceptional customer service, and optimal health care. To learn more about NorthStar VETS' full range of specialty veterinary expertise or directions to its centrally located hospital, please call 609-259-8300 or visit www.northstarvets.com.

