

National Service Dog Eye Exam Day



The American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) is launching the, 3rd ACVO/Merial National Service Dog Eye Exam Day, throughout the month of May 2010, to correspond with the American Veterinary Medical Association's "Pet Health Week". Over 150 board certified veterinary ophthalmologists will volunteer their time for this event and provide complimentary 'eye wellness examinations' to certified Service Dogs. The Service Dog owner/agent will incur no costs for these services. Dogs who participated in the program in 2009 are again invited to participate. This could prove valuable in tracking their ocular health. It is anticipated that through these efforts Service Dog health can be improved and potential disease averted.

In order to participate in the event, Service Dogs should fall into one or more of the following categories: guide dogs, handicapped assistance dogs, detection dogs, police dogs, and search and rescue dogs. Dogs must be active 'working dogs' that were certified by a formal training program or organization or are currently enrolled in a formal training program. The certifying organization could be national, regional or local

