



## Organization Provides Free Eye Exams To Service Animals Every May

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Nearly 1 in 5 Americans is currently living with a disability, and a great number rely on the support, friendship, and aid of a certified service animal. It is estimated that anywhere from 15,000 to 20,000 service animals are currently active in the U.S.



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While service animals are used to caring for their person, that care should of course be reciprocated. It is important seeing-eye dogs, medical assistance dogs, search and rescue dogs, police canines, and certified therapy animals receive vital preventative care and thorough health examinations every year.

To honor the essential work service animals do every day, the [American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists \(ACVO\)](#) has partnered with leading animal health company Merial again this year for the Annual ACVO/Merial National Service Dog Eye Exam Event.

During the annual May event, board certified veterinary ophthalmologists will provide free eye exams to qualifying service animals, screening for visual impairments, and other serious eye conditions that could hinder the animal's ability to aid his or her person and decrease the animal's quality of life. Specialists will screen for things like



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