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Over 5,500 Free Eye Exams Provided During the 15th Annual National Service Animal Eye Exam Event

Sight-saving eye exams were provided to animals in more than 185 cities across the U.S., Canada, Hong Kong, Puerto Rico, and the U.K.

MERIDIAN, IDAHO – JULY 5, 2024 – [The American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists®](#) (ACVO) is proud to announce that more than 5,550 free screening eye exams were provided during the 15th anniversary of the National Service Animal Eye Exam Event, sponsored by Epicur Pharma®. About 265 ACVO Diplomates in 185 cities in the U.S., Canada, Hong Kong, Puerto Rico, and the U.K. donated their time and resources this year to conduct eye exams for Service and Working Animals that provide the following services: guide, hearing assistance, drug detection, police/military, search and rescue, therapy, and those assisting people with disabilities other than blindness.

Each May, the ACVO holds the National Service Animal Eye Exam Event. Since the event's creation in 2008, ACVO Diplomates have provided over 86,500 free eye exams in hopes of catching any health issues early.



Veterinary Ophthalmologist, Dr. Brooklynn LaFoon, of Carolina Veterinary Specialists- Greensboro, provides eye exam to Service Dogs during 2024 National Service Animal Eye Exam Event

“My staff and I look forward to donating our time to the ACVO/Epicur National Service Animal Eye Event every year and this year did not disappoint! I love having the opportunity to give back to the community and these animals are some of the most deserving as they are providing crucial services to their owner, handlers and community. It is a pleasure seeing the same dogs and owners year after year such as Maggie, but it is also exciting to see new participants like a number of dogs from a local animal-assisted crisis response group that respond across the southeast region, or Bradley who assists elementary school children learning to read. This event is important as it offers superior care by providing specialized level ophthalmic exams at no cost to ensure exceptional vision in the service animal community. I look forward to continuing to offer my services in the upcoming years and encourage all working animals and their handlers to take advantage of this opportunity.” Says Dr. Brooklynn LaFoon, DVM, DACVO.

The American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists® is an approved veterinary specialty organization of the American Board of Veterinary Specialties that board certifies veterinarians as ophthalmologists. The 2024 ACVO National Service Animal Eye Exam Event is sponsored by [Epicur Pharma®](#).

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