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Registration Opens for 10th Anniversary of Annual ACVO®/StokesRx National Service Animal Eye Exam Event

MERIDIAN, Idaho, April 4, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- To Nancy Moore, her dog Giza was no ordinary black lab. Trained at Guide Dogs for the Blind, Giza served since 2010 as Nancy's sense of vision and navigation. Last year, however, Giza guided Nancy off a sidewalk, and Nancy knew that Giza needed to be examined by a veterinary ophthalmologist. As someone on a fixed income, Nancy was concerned about the cost of the examination, but then learned of the ACVO®/StokesRx National Service Eye Exam for qualified Service and Working Animals. She registered in April and Giza received a free screening eye exam by an ACVO board-certified veterinary ophthalmologist, providing her with the information she needed to care for Giza.

The [10th Annual ACVO/StokesRx National Service Animal Eye Exam Event](#) will take place in veterinary clinics from May 1-31, 2017. The event was originally prompted by ACVO's recognition that many of its board-certified ophthalmology specialists were providing free eye exams across the country. By expanding on these individual events and creating the annual event in 2008, the ophthalmologists have been able to perform more than 52,000 free eye exam screenings – 7,400 in 2016 alone (click [here](#) for the [10th Anniversary Infographic](#) and more statistics).