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ACVO/StokesRx National Service Animal Eye Exam Event Awarded NAVC Veterinary Innovation Council Innovation Award

MERIDIAN, Idaho (March 6, 2018) – At the heels of its 10th anniversary, the [ACVO/StokesRx National Service Animal Eye Exam Event](#) program was among the 10 winners of the 2018 [Veterinary Innovation Council \(VIC\)](#) Awards. With five individual categories and five organization categories, this program won in the “Organization: Other” category receiving four out of five votes given in that category; overall more than 180 nominations were up for vote in all categories.

The [ACVO/StokesRx National Service Animal Eye Exam](#) is a volunteer-based, philanthropic national event that provides free ocular screening eye exams to qualified Service and Working Animals each May. These exams are provided by 300 board certified veterinary ophthalmologist members of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists® (ACVO®) who choose to participate and volunteer their time and resources. In 10 years, the program has provided over 60,000 eye exams to deserving Service and Working Animals across the US, Canada and Puerto Rico.

Dr. Brady Beale, past Public Relations Committee Chair and devoted participating ophthalmologist to the program, accepted the award on ACVO’s behalf during the award ceremony at the NAVC (VMX) meeting in Orlando on February 4, 2018. In addition, Dr. Beale served as a guest panel speaker at the conference representing and discussing the [ACVO/StokesRx National Service Animal Eye Exam Event](#).

The 2018 event will be the 11th year this program has been offered to the public. You’ll find more information about the specific program and how it helps Service and Working Animals with [this program press release](#).

About the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO)®

The (ACVO®) is an approved veterinary specialty organization of the American Board of Veterinary Specialties, and is recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association. Its mission is “to advance the quality of veterinary medicine through certification of veterinarians who demonstrate excellence as specialists in veterinary ophthalmology.” To become board certified, a candidate must successfully complete a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, a one-year internship, a three-year ACVO® approved residency and pass a series of credentials and examinations. For more information, please visit www.ACVO.org.

About the Veterinary Innovation Awards Council

The [Veterinary Innovation Awards Council](#) was established in 2017 to recognize people and organizations dedicated to innovation for the betterment of the animal health industry. Its mission is to tackle innovation opportunities that lift all segments of animal health care, including caregivers, academia, suppliers and consumers. [View program infographic](#). This year was their inaugural award for the program.

About Stokes Pharmacy

Stokes Pharmacy is a national, full-service compounding pharmacy specializing in the art and science of the custom formulation of prescription medicines for humans and animals. Leading the way in innovation, Stokes invites veterinarians to prescribe compounded medications online securely, quickly, and accurately via [iFill](#), a cloud-based prescription management system. Stokes has chosen to support the event as its namesake sponsor for six years and is very involved in the program. For more information, visit [StokesRx.com](#).



Dr. Martha Low participating in the 10th anniversary event. Additional photographs are available upon request.

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