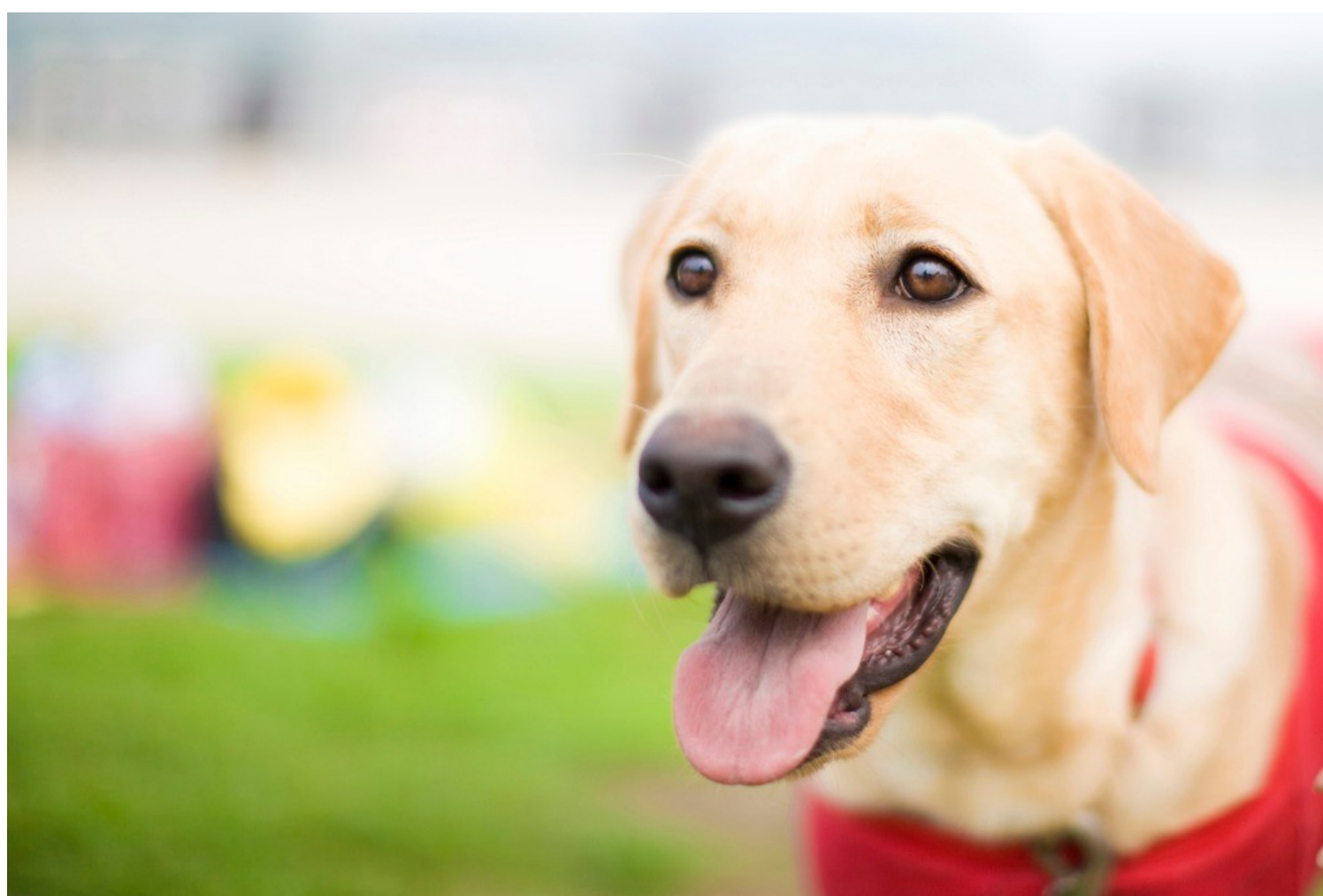


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## Helping Hard-working Service and Therapy Animals See Clearly

While dogs don't wear glasses, they do need to have their eyes checked regularly, especially if they are a registered service or therapy animal.

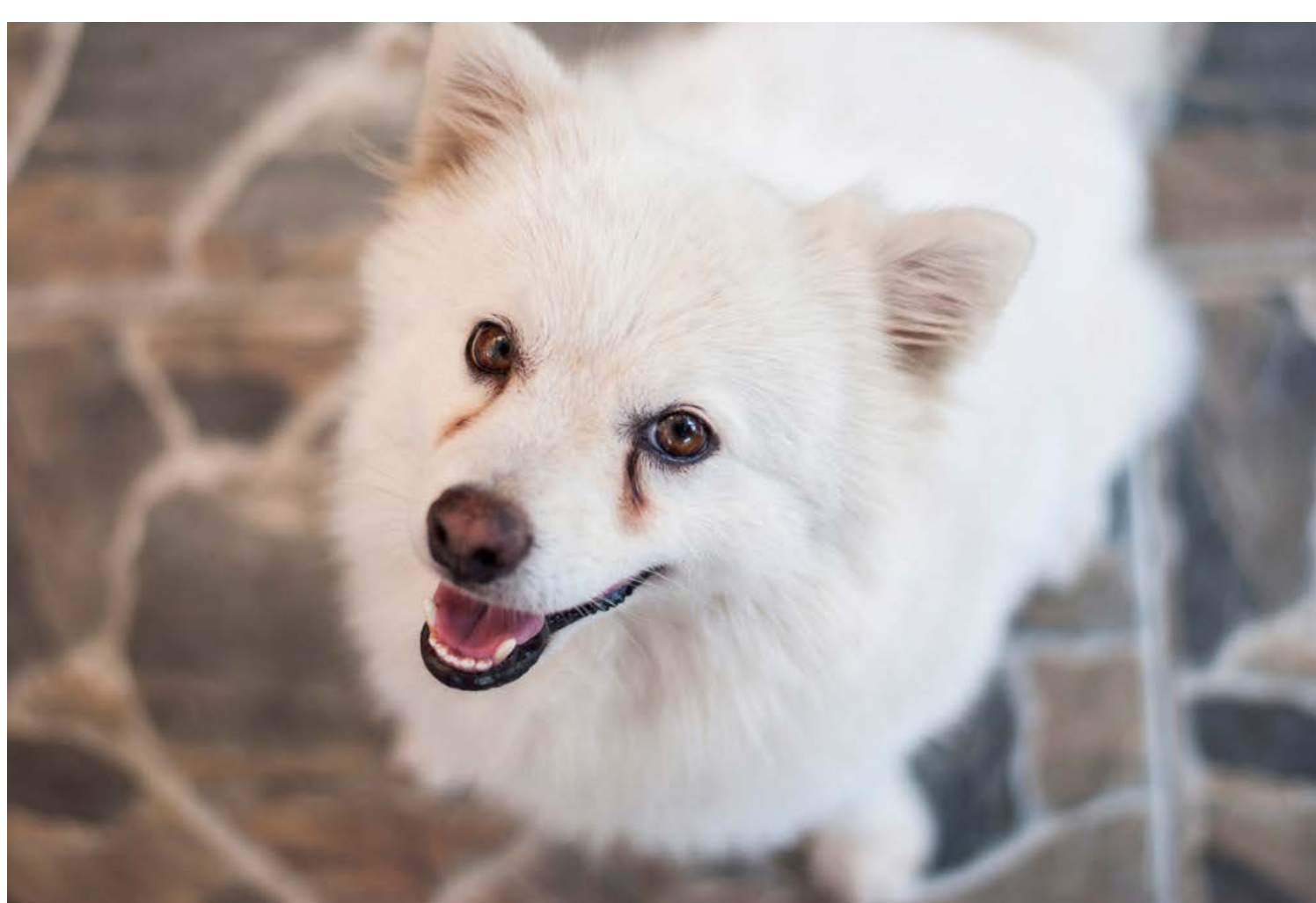
May is National Service Dog Eye Examination Month, and many board-certified diplomats of the [American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists](#) (like Dr. Heather) will offer free screenings for these hard-working and caring creatures throughout the month.

We know how important it is for these animals to have healthy eyes.

Our staff is happy to provide free exams for qualified service animals not only in May, but every month of the year. It helps us detect signs of ocular disease early, allowing the animals to keep up their important work without missing a beat.

To qualify for the exam, service animals must be active working animals certified by a formal training program or organization, or are currently enrolled in a formal training program. If you would like to schedule a free screening, call us today at **757-749-4838**.

[Read More About our FREE Service Animal Screenings](#)



## No More Tears!

Have you noticed tearing under your dog's eyes, or do you see staining under or around her eyes as a result? Tearing is caused by an overflow of tears onto the face that is often due to the way the eyelids are shaped. While each case should be evaluated to get to the root of the underlying cause, there are certain breeds that are predisposed to tearing and tear-staining based on the relationship of the eyelids to the ocular surface. Tearing is seen for different reasons, but at an increased frequency in brachycephalic or short-nosed breeds, toy, giant and hound breeds.

If your dog shows signs of tearing, tear-staining, squinting, redness or irritation, it's best to see your family veterinarian or veterinary ophthalmologist for an evaluation. Treatment options vary, from ocular lubricants to cryotherapy to surgical therapies to alter the shape and conformation of the eyelids. Animal Vision Center of Virginia is now offering a special wellness exam rate of \$65 (a 30% savings) when you book your appointment now through June 30, 2019. Please call us today at **757-749-4838**, and be sure to mention "no more tears." We're here to help!

[Learn More About Tearing & Tear-Staining](#)

## "See" Us at the Seaside CE Series

Our friends at [The Center of Veterinary Expertise](#) (COVE) have been super busy, handling final arrangements for their second annual continuing education event for the region's veterinary practitioners. [The Seaside CE Series](#), May 28-31, will bring together local professionals from the veterinary field for a four-day series of classes, courses and camaraderie. Guest speakers will cover the areas of cardiology, dermatology, endocrinology, anesthesia, analgesia, and practice management. Our own Dr. Heather Brookshire is on the agenda and will present "Ophthalmology Update 2019 - What's New and Available for your Patients" for referring veterinarians on **Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m.** Look for registration details on the COVE's [Facebook page](#).



## Be Kind, I'm Blind



You may have just learned that your dog is slowly losing his or her vision, or perhaps it happened quickly and your pet is now blind. This will be a time of transition for you and your pet, but with some adjustments to your home and routine, a wonderful new life can await you both. For owners, who are going through this experience with their dogs, Animal Vision Center of Virginia is pleased to offer our "Be Kind, I'm Blind" brochure. This free guide covers everything from training, exercise, eye health and meeting dog friends, to tips for keeping your pet's home environment safe and familiar. We also have a sporty "Be Kind, I'm Blind" bandana just for your pet! When meeting people while you're out and about, it lets them know to approach your pet slowly and with care—and is a great conversation starter. Look for this new brochure in our reception area, or call us for details at **757-749-4838**.

[Learn More about Be Kind, I'm Blind](#)

## Expansion Plans to Better Serve You!

If you've stopped by Animal Vision Center of Virginia lately, you've may have noticed a little "home improvement" activity in the works. Yes! We are in the process of expanding our practice into roomy new space that has become available next door. When the dust settles in June, we will have an extra 500 square feet, a more spacious reception area, an additional examination room and a larger treatment and surgical area to better serve you and your pets! We're very excited to soon have this extra elbow room, and we hope the work hasn't inconvenienced you.



## What Our Clients Say

"Nothing but praise for Dr. Brookshire and her staff. I have referred dozens of patients to her and my clients have always been extremely satisfied with the level of care and compassion they received. She has even taken care of two of my own horses when they needed treatment for eye injuries, and we are extremely grateful for her care."  
- Dr. N. Kelley



*Providing quality ophthalmic care for animals of all shapes and sizes, Animal Vision Center of Virginia is owned and operated by Dr. Heather Brookshire, a board-certified veterinary ophthalmologist.*

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Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

One Saturday a Month 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*Suffolk Clinic at The Cove Location & Hours:*

**6550 Hampton Roads Parkway, Suffolk, VA 23435**

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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