



Stone Oak Veterinarian is 'Pick of the Litter'

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Nicole Beltran, intern with the Talk
About It! program, poses with Dr.
Andrew Greller upon his recognition in
the San Antonio Area Foundation/Talk
About It! Pick of the Litter Contest.

Dr. [Andrew Greller](#), a Stone Oak veterinary ophthalmologist, has won the city's first Pick of the Litter Contest, which seeks to recognize outstanding local veterinarians.

The [San Antonio Area Foundation's](#) (www.saafdn.org) Talk About It! (<http://talkaboutitsa.org>) campaign organized the contest.

The nonprofit SAAF supports solutions to various problems and concerns, from animal welfare issues to wounded military heroes.

The mission of Talk About It! is to help the community achieve the animal no-kill initiative, according to a news release.

The Talk About It! blog

(<https://talkaboutitsanantonio.wordpress.com>) plans to feature a question-and-answer post with Greller about his recent Pick of the Litter Contest win.

Greller was nominated for this award by his client [Linda Uzdavines](#) and her dog, Churchill, who is Greller's patient.

As Uzdavines explained in the nomination, one morning [Churchill's](#) left eye was swollen shut. His primary vet diagnosed the problem as a cataract of the eye, and recommended Greller to oversee Churchill's treatment.

"I was very fortunate to have found Dr. Greller — with his knowledge and skill of Churchill's condition, he was able to operate and save his eye," Uzdavines said in the release.

She added, "The most important aspect of Dr. Greller's practice was his bedside manner with Churchill, and his nervous owner.

"He always treated Churchill with great care and interest, but most importantly, he made me feel at ease. I thank kind Dr. Greller every time I look into Churchill's deep brown eyes."

As a veterinary ophthalmologist, Greller is a veterinarian who specializes in animals' eye care. The American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) (www.acvo.org) is the professional organization that has established the certifying criteria for these specialized vets, and according to the ACVO, there are 352 active veterinary ophthalmologists in the United States.

Greller is one of just two such vets here in San Antonio, and in his career, he has treated the vision needs of animals of all shapes and sizes — from a 3,000-pound white rhinoceros to a 30-gram mouse.

"I'm honored and also deeply humbled by this award, because I love the work that I do and do it for the good of my patients and their human families, and really nothing more," Greller said in the release. "To win the Pick of the Litter award is very exciting and extra special because my clients made it happen. It's very reassuring to know that I have made a positive difference in the lives of pets and their owners."

Greller currently is raising Eli, a golden retriever. He added, "I understand the special bond we have with our animals. They are family, and we don't want to see them suffer."

Greller studied at [the University of Michigan](#) and at the [University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine](#). He has worked in Washington, D.C., Dallas and Phoenix. He began working in San Antonio in 2008. Greller volunteers in various ways, such as giving free examinations to Guide Dogs of Texas, as well as military working dogs at [Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland](#). Greller works at South Texas Veterinary Ophthalmology, 503 E. Sonterra Blvd. He can be reached at 930-8383 or eyevet4yourpet@yahoo.com.

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