

DRY EYE

WHAT IS DRY EYE?

Dry eye is a term used for poor tear production and is very painful. If left untreated, it can lead to blindness or the loss of the eye. Tear production is essential for the protection, lubrication and nourishment of cornea (the clear surface of the eye). Treatment requires lifelong care and monitoring.

WHAT CAUSES DRY EYE?

- Immune mediated damage of the tear gland by the patients' own immune system
 - Infection
 - Trauma
 - Thyroid hormone insufficiency
 - Damage to nerve supply
- On rare occasions, dogs can be born with smaller tear glands.
- Medication

CLINICAL SIGNS

- Recurrent conjunctivitis
- Discharge from the eye
- Discomfort (rubbing the eye or excessive blinking)
- Dullness of the cornea
 - Corneal ulcers

MEDICAL TREATMENT

- ✓ Immune-modulating topical eye medication.
- ✓ Artificial tears to soothe and to keep the eye feeling comfortable.
- ✓ Cleaning the eye and eyelids regularly can reduce the risk of skin infections and keep your pet comfortable.
- ✓ When dry eye is associated with nerve damage alternative medication may be used and a CT/MRI scan may be recommended.

SURGICAL TREATMENT

Parotid Duct Transposition may be discussed if medical intervention is unsuccessful but this is not suitable for every individual. However this still requires life-long medication and management to avoid complications.

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ANY QUESTIONS?

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