ENTROPION

WHAT IS ENTROPION?

Entropion is a common condition where the upper or lower eyelid may roll onto the cornea and rub against it. Complications of entropion can include: corneal vascularisation (blood vessels growing into the cornea), corneal scarring, ulceration, ongoing pain, behavioural changes and vision loss.

CLINICAL SIGNS

- ☑ Red eye
- ☑ Cloudy eye
- ☑ Watery/mucky discharge
- ☑ Squinting
- ☑ Rubbing the eye(s)

COMPLICATIONS

Entropion can cause chronic irritation to the cornea, including scarring and ulceration. This can have an impact on vision and be very painful.

INHERITANCE

This condition is common in purebred dogs, and it is assumed this is due to an inherited defect. However the exact relationship of this is not well understood. It can be present in litter-mates even if parents are unaffected. It is likely that multiple genes are involved, and can therefore appear spontaneously in a single puppy amongst an otherwise normal litter. It is commonly seen in; Rottweilers, Golden Retrievers, Shar Pei, Cocker Spaniel, Bulldogs, Bullmastiff, Poodle, Weimaraner, and Chow Chow, amongst others.

TREATMENT

Corrective surgery can be performed under a general anaesthetic and magnification. The eyelid position is corrected by removing the excess eyelid tissue, then suturing the wounds with dissolvable stitches. Depending on the age and breed, some patients may require more than one surgery to obtain perfect eyelid position.

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