

What can you do to prevent eye health issues occurring?

- Ask about an eye examination at your annual vaccination or health check
- **Routine vaccination:** Some viruses (e.g., feline herpes virus) can affect the eyes
- Healthy diet
- **Parasite Prevention:** Certain parasites can affect eye health, especially in outdoor pets
- Regular cleaning with an eye cleaning product, such as Ocryl®
- **Keep an 'eye' out for any of the signs below**

When to See a Vet

Contact your local vet practice immediately if you notice:

- Redness or swelling
- Any eye discharge
- Your pet pawing or rubbing their eyes
- Sudden change in vision or eye appearance
- Eyes appear cloudy

Eye Care Tips

- **Daily Checks:** Look for redness, discharge, cloudiness, signs of irritation/ pain, change in vision, or eye appearance
- **Clean Gently:** use an appropriate eye cleaner such as Ocryl®
- **Trim Hair:** Keep hair trimmed around the eyes to avoid irritation
- **Protect from Injury:** Prevent rough play or exposure to debris during walks, where possible
- **Monitor for Allergies:** Dust, pollen, and smoke can cause eye irritation

Did you know?

Dogs and cats see the world differently -

cats have excellent night vision, while dogs see fewer colours but detect motion well. Keeping their eyes healthy ensures they can continue to explore their world comfortably!



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What are their eyes trying to tell you?



Pets show all manner of emotions through their eyes - love, playfulness, remorse, guilt, and sometimes naughtiness! But what if they have an issue with their eyes, **would you know what to look out for?**

23%
of owners reported
that their dog
suffers from
dry eye¹

What conditions can affect your pet's eyes?



CONDITION/DESCRIPTION	SIGNS	HOW COMMON?	PREDISPOSED BREEDS	
Conjunctivitis  Inflammation of the eye's lining	 Red eyes  Discharge from the eye	Relatively common	Can affect any breed Can be more common in brachycephalic breeds	
Cataracts  Cloudiness in the lens Often age related	 Cloudy eyes  Clumsiness	Can occur at any age, but tend to occur later in life Higher occurrence in diabetic dogs	Dogs: Cocker Spaniels Bichon Frise Boston Terriers Labrador Retrievers Poodles Siberian Huskies	Cats: Himalayans Persians Birmans British Shorthairs
Glaucoma  Increased pressure in the eye	 Red eyes  Bulging eye  Pain  Vision loss	Relatively common	Dogs: Cocker Spaniels Basset Hounds Beagles Shar-Peis	Cats: Siamese Burmese Persians
Dry Eye (KCS)  Insufficient tear production	 Mucous discharge  Squinting  Recurrent conjunctivitis or corneal ulcers	Common Occurs 1 in 22 dogs ²	Pugs French Bulldogs Shih Tzus English Bulldogs Cocker Spaniels Cavalier King Charles Spaniels	
Corneal Ulcers  Damage/ injury to surface of the eye	 Pain  Redness  Pawing at the eye	Common injury to eye	Brachycephalic breeds Boxers Corgis West Highland White Terriers Staffordshire Bull terriers	
Cherry Eye  Prolapsed gland of the third eyelid	 Pink mass in the corner of the eye	Relatively common Occurs in 1 in 500 dogs ³	Shar-Peis English Bulldogs Lhasa Apsos Cocker Spaniels	
Entropion  Eyelids roll inward irritating the eye	 Watery eyes  Squinting	Most common eyelid abnormality in dogs	Shar-Peis Chow Chows Bulldogs Saint Bernards Labrador Retrievers Can also affect cats	

1. 1000 pet owners surveyed. Conducted by 3 GEM on behalf of Dömes Pharma 2024

2. Pierce V & Williams D, 2006. Determination of schirmer tear test values in 1000 dogs. BSAVA Abstract 2006.

3. O'Neill et al. (2021) "Breed and conformational predispositions for prolapsed nictitating membrane gland (PNMG) in dogs in the UK: A VetCompass study", PLOS ONE.

