

SORE EYES & EYE INJURIES IN DOGS

Recognising problems early can save your dog's sight and comfort.

Eye problems can develop quickly and may become painful or serious. Prompt veterinary assessment gives your dog the best chance of a full recovery.

EYE PROBLEMS
CAN BECOME
SERIOUS FAST –
DON'T DELAY
SEEKING HELP.

? WHAT IS A SORE EYE OR EYE INJURY?

Sore eyes and eye injuries can be caused by many things, from minor irritations to more serious problems that affect vision.

Any change in your dog's eyes should be checked by a vet.



Never use human eye drops or ointments unless prescribed by your veterinarian.

💡 DID YOU KNOW?

- Dogs can hide eye pain. Subtle signs may be easy to miss.
- Scratching or rubbing the eye can make injuries worse.
- Some eye conditions can cause permanent damage if not treated early.

COMMON CAUSES



Dust, dirt or foreign objects



Grass seeds and other plant material



Scratches or fights with other animals



Irritants (chemicals, shampoos, etc.)



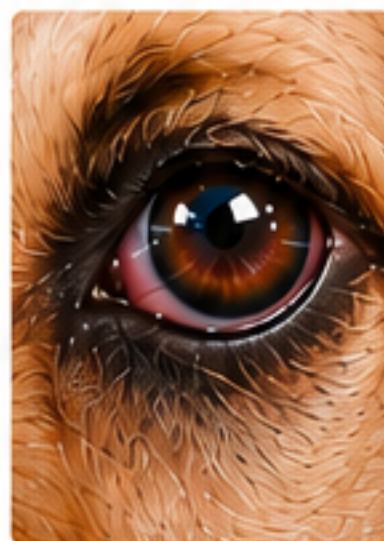
Underlying eye disease or conditions

Other causes include allergies, infections, dry eye, entropion (eyelid rolling in), and trauma.

1 RECOGNISE THE SIGNS

Watch for any changes in your dog's eyes, including:

- Squinting or holding the eye closed
- Redness or swelling
- Excessive tearing or discharge
- Cloudy or dull appearance
- Rubbing or pawing at the eye
- Sensitivity to light
- Change in eye colour or pupil size



If you notice any of these signs, book a veterinary appointment as soon as possible.

2 HOW IS IT DIAGNOSED?

Your veterinarian will:

- Perform a physical eye examination
- Use special stains to check for scratches or ulcers
- Measure tear production
- Check eye pressure
- May recommend further tests or referral if needed



Accurate diagnosis helps determine the cause and the best treatment.

3 TREATMENT OPTIONS

Treatment depends on the cause and severity of the problem.

- Medications (eye drops, ointments or tablets)
- Pain relief
- Anti-inflammatories
- Infection control (antibiotics or antivirals)
- Flushing or removing foreign objects
- Surgery may be needed for some injuries or diseases



Follow your vet's instructions carefully and complete all medications.

4 AT HOME CARE

Help your dog recover and stay comfortable:

- Keep the eye clean – wipe gently with a damp cotton pad if needed
- Use medications exactly as prescribed
- Prevent your dog from rubbing the eye
- Keep your dog calm and rested
- An Elizabethan collar (cone) may be needed

Do not let your dog swim or play in dusty or windy areas until the eye has healed.



5 WHEN TO SEE YOUR VET URGENTLY

Seek immediate veterinary attention if:

- Your dog suddenly cannot open their eye
- There is severe swelling, bleeding or trauma
- You see a deep wound or something stuck in the eye
- There is a sudden change in vision
- Pain is severe or getting worse
- Discharge is thick, green or bloody

DON'T
WAIT!

Quick treatment can prevent permanent damage or vision loss.

6 PREVENTION TIPS

You can help protect your dog's eyes:

- Keep your dog away from long grass and seed heads
- Use eye protection for working, sporting or hunting dogs
- Avoid irritants like chemicals, sprays and smoke
- Regular health checks help detect problems early



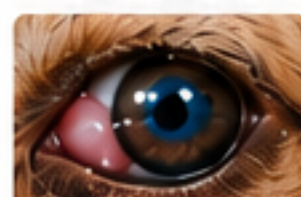
7 COMMON EYE CONDITIONS

Some conditions we commonly see:

- Conjunctivitis (red, inflamed eye)
- Corneal ulcers or scratches
- Dry eye (KCS)
- Cataracts
- Glaucoma (high eye pressure)
- Cherry eye
- Entropion / Ectropion (eyelid problems)



CORNEAL ULCER



CHERRY EYE

8 EYE CARE REMINDERS



Regular vet checks keep eyes healthy



Early detection leads to better outcomes



Complete all treatments as directed



Consistent care protects loss

9 THE GOOD NEWS

With early diagnosis and proper treatment, most eye problems can be managed successfully.

- We treat your dog with care and kindness
- Modern diagnostics help us find the cause
- Our goal is to protect their vision and quality of life

