



DRY EYE

MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FOR DRY EYE

This pet suffers from keratoconjunctivitis sicca (i.e. dry eye). This occurs when there is a deficiency of production of the watery component of tears, which accounts for a majority of the tear volume. We often see mucoid ocular discharge, and the pet is more prone to developing irritation and/or corneal ulceration as a result of the condition. There are many causes, the most common of which is an immune-mediated destruction of the tear gland. Life-long topical eye treatment is typically required. Depending on the response to treatment, periodic veterinary visits will be needed to monitor the eyes and deal with any potential sequelae. All follow-up care will need to be done with the owner's veterinarian and at the owner's expense.