



## **EYELID ATRESIA**

### **MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FOR EYELID ATRESIA**

This pet suffers from eyelid atresia, which means the eyelids did not develop properly. This can lead to rubbing of fur on the cornea (i.e. surface of the eyeball) or drying of the cornea. The pet has higher risk of infections or scratches of the eye. With regular eye drops daily, this risk is decreased. Life-long topical eye treatment may be needed and depending on the response to treatment periodic veterinary visits may be required. The owner should monitor the eyes for excessive squinting, abnormal discharge, pain and/or redness. If any of these signs are noted, then he/she should be seen by a veterinarian. If ongoing issues occur, surgery may need to be performed to correct the abnormal eyelids. If severe enough, surgical removal of the eyes may be recommended. We recommend consultation with a board certified veterinary ophthalmologist to determine the best course of action. All follow-up care will need to be done at the owner's veterinarian and at the owner's expense.