



## **PANNUS**

### **MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FOR PANNUS**

Pannus, or chronic superficial keratitis, is a progressive inflammatory autoimmune disease of the cornea. The corneal changes that are caused by this inflammation often lead to scarring and may progress to severe visual impairment or even blindness. Unfortunately, no permanent cure exists. However, the vast majority of cases can be managed with topical medications that reduce inflammation and halt or slow progression of the disease. This condition does require lifelong treatment with medication. UV light can increase the severity of the disease, so limiting exposure to sunlight and/or using sunglasses made for dogs is recommended. Given the chronicity of the condition, a consultation with an ophthalmologist is recommended to determine the best long-term plan for this pet. All follow-up care will need to be done with the owner's veterinarian and at the owner's expense.