



Natural Help for...

Pet Eye Disease



What is Eye Disease?

A dog or cat's eyes are very sensitive and important tools of detection used in every day exploration. [Eye disease](#) can affect both dogs and cats and is more likely in those animals that are reaching the later years of their lives.

Related [eye conditions](#) include:

- Glaucoma – an elevation of pressure in the eyeball due to an obstruction
- Conjunctivitis – inflammation of the mucous membranes
- Dry eye / Keratoconjunctivitis sicca (KCS) – tear production stops or is decreased
- Eye infection
- Cataracts – white opacities in the lenses of the eyes that impair vision or cause blindness
- Cherry eye (more prevalent in certain breeds) – a prolapse of the gland of the third eyelid
- Entropion (watery eye) – eyelashes turn inward and scratch the cornea, causing the eyes to water

Symptoms of an eye condition may include:

- Red bloodshot eyes
- Thick goopy discharge (let your veterinarian see it before washing it off)
- Eyes that water constantly (your dog or cat may try to wipe it's eyes on furniture)
- A grape sized red bulge from the corner of the eye

See your veterinarian immediately if your dog or cat:

- Has redness in the eye that doesn't improve in a day
- Is squinting
- Is keeping her/his eye closed
- Has a swollen hard eye
- Has a cloudy cornea
- Eye problems accompanied by loss of appetite or lethargy (lack of energy)

What Causes Eye Disease?

[Eye disease](#) may have a number of causes. [Eye problems](#) may be hereditary, found predominantly where breeds have been highly specialized. Degeneration of cells and tissues due to old age is the most common cause in dogs and cats.

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Diagnosing Eye Disease

Because [eye problems](#) are varied and occur due to a number of factors, your veterinarian will most likely ask you a number of investigative questions. It is important that you **take note of when your pet's eye problem started** and what you noticed first. A thorough physical and ocular examination will be performed. Your vet may also:

- Look in the eye with an ophthalmoscope
- Use anesthetic eye drops to numb the eye and get a better examination
- Check behind the third eyelid for a foreign body
- Measure eye pressures
- Perform a Schirmer tear test to check for dry eye
- Use a few drops of fluorescent eye stain to rule out a corneal scratch or ulcer
- Use blood and urine tests to detect serious causes of uveitis, such as infection
- Check your pet's blood pressure and kidney status (if hypertension is suspected)
- Scratches on the surface of your pet's eye are not always visible and may need a specific diagnostic test: the fluorescein test. This is a bright orange substance that is placed in your pet's eye and will show fluorescence in areas where the cornea has been damaged.

Help for Eye Disease

Treatment depends on the cause of the eye condition and may include eye drops or ointments. Serious [eye disease](#) may require surgery, anti-inflammatory drugs or intraocular pressure-lowering drugs. These drugs may have side effects for your pet – so the risk and the reward should be weighed up – speak to your vet about your pet's quality of life.

Natural Remedies

There are many natural herbal and homeopathic remedies known to [promote eye health and support vision](#) for both dogs and cats. Arctium lappa is a cleansing and eliminating herb and is excellent at detoxifying the tissues and is very useful in the treatment of dry eyes and [eye infections](#).

Rosmarinus officinalis is well-known as a topical antiseptic & disinfectant, while Chelidonium majus is used to boost the immune system and combat infections. Finally, Filipendula ulmaria is excellent for **soothing and healing infections of the eyes** and conjunctiva. These remedies can be used to accompany conventional medications – consult your vet for guidance.

Tips to prevent Eye Disease

- Good nutrition is vital. Feed your pet's high quality pet food or organic foods high in nutrients, vitamins and minerals.
- Have your vet check your pet's eyes when you visit for regular check ups
- Keep daredevil dogs from riding with their heads sticking out of the car window—you never know what will fly into their eyes.



Michele Carelse, Clinical Psychologist



All of our natural remedies are formulated by our expert team of herbalists, naturopaths and homeopaths, and headed by Michele Carelse.

Michele has had years of experience in the manufacturing and use of natural remedies for both people and pets. In addition, she is a trained Clinical Psychologist and has been incorporating natural remedies into her treatment of patients with depression, anxiety, ADD, ADHD and stress for many years with spectacular results.

- Remember to check your pet's eyes when they've been out in long grass, grass awns have a nasty habit of wriggling their way into the corners of your pet's eye and cause much discomfort.
- Keep a careful eye on your dogs when introducing a new kitten into the house. Many a dog has had to be treated for corneal scratches after a terrified kitten tried to protect itself from a big, wet curious doggy nose!

The Natural Approach

While Western medicine has become the norm in many cultures, it is not the only treatment option. Conventional western medicine, often called allopathic medicine, is the system of medicine taught at most medical schools and most pharmaceutical and synthetic medicines are manufactured and marketed according to the principles of allopathic medicine. Allopathic medicine is also sometimes called orthodox medicine.

Because most of us in the Western world have grown up in a society in which allopathic medicine is the prevailing norm, we forget that, only a few decades ago, homeopathic, herbal and other natural medicines were commonly available – and freely used even by conventional doctors and veterinarians. While there are often heated debates about which system of medicine is 'better' than the other, many responsible doctors and vets (whether they are allopathic or not) recognize that both have a role to play in the treatment program.

Just like humans, domesticated animals like dogs and cats are affected by the health hazards of modern living. Pollution, poor nutrition, stress and unhealthy lifestyles can lead to a variety of illnesses and conditions that are very similar to those experienced by humans. In fact, many, if not most pet health concerns can be addressed by helping your pets to live a healthier lifestyle. While it has its place, conventional medicine for animals and 'modern technology' have failed our pets in many ways.

According to pet expert and author CJ Puotinen, most holistic veterinarians and animal health care professions list annual vaccinations and commercial pet foods as the major contributory cause in the rising rates of chronic illness in pets today. Similarly, Juliette de Bairacli Levy, respected author and renowned animal breeder, points out that contrary to the belief that mass vaccination and antibiotic use will contribute to a decrease in disease, the opposite has in fact proved true. Like their human counterparts, today's pets are becoming more and more vulnerable to chronic disease and ill health. This has led many veterinarians to search for alternatives and to espouse more holistic methods of keeping our pets healthy.

"In the wild, animals instinctively seek out healing herbs to help them when they are ill or undernourished. In fact, Asclepius, the ancient Greek god of medicine, respected dogs very highly for their ability to seek out and eat medicinal herbs in the wild. This ability is shared by other animals, including cats. We are coming to realize that nature often has the answers - but animals have always known this! Natural medicine can help your pet just as it can help you. While there is always a place for conventional veterinary medicine, natural medicine can compliment conventional veterinary care and in many cases do just as well. I have applied the same care and research that have gone into our Native Remedies range for adults and children to the development of pet-friendly, safe and effective natural remedies for animals. As always, all remedies are formulated to the highest

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"When a veterinary surgeon practices the use of homeopathic medicine and is asked why he does so, he may give one of several answers. The simple answer would be that the results are good, an emphatic answer would be that homeopathic treatment has no unpleasant or dangerous side effects, while still achieving successful results.

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Dr. Glenn Ferguson
M-Tech Homeopathy, Doctor of Chinese Medicine

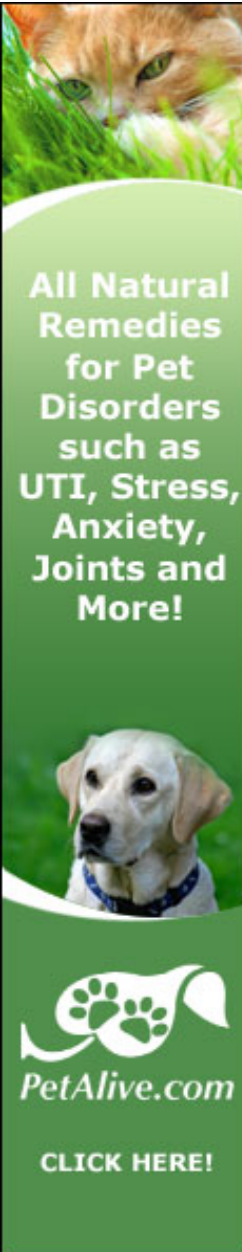
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