



# Natural Help for...

## Pet Eye Infection



### What is an Eye Infection?

Eye infections are very common amongst pets, usually affecting the conjunctiva (thin membrane covering the front of the eye). When the conjunctiva is infected, it leads to conjunctivitis or pink eye and **causes the eye to become reddened, inflamed, and filled with blood**, swollen and very painful.

Other common eye problems such as Cherry Eye and dry eye (Keratoconjunctivitis sicca) also occur as a result of infection in the eye and surrounding structure. Eye infections may develop in one or both eyes, and tends to be **more common in dogs than cats**.

Certain dog breeds such as poodles, Cocker spaniels, Boston Terriers, Yorkshire terrier, Bulldogs, Cocker spaniels, Bloodhounds, Saint Bernard's, and Chihuahuas are more prone to eye infections. Persian and **hairless cat breeds are more commonly at risk of eye infections**. If you suspect that your pet has an eye infection, consult your vet immediately. Eye infections that are left untreated can lead to severe damage such as blindness.

### The common symptoms and signs of eye infections include:

- Eye discharge that appears watery or mucous
- Redness
- Squinting
- Cloudiness of the iris
- Rubbing or scratching of the eye

### What Causes Eye Infection?

Eye problems may develop as a result of various bacterial infections, viral infections, canine distemper virus, allergies or birth defects. Sometimes physical **damage to the eye caused by foreign objects** lodged in the eye can also cause eye infections.

Other causes of eye infections include **eye diseases like dry eyes, anterior uveitis, ulcerative keratitis**, and glaucoma, internal diseases, feline respiratory disease, Lyme disease or irritants such as smoke, reactions to drugs, chemicals or polluted water.

### Diagnosing Eye Infection

The diagnosis of an eye infection is based on the symptoms and a thorough eye



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examination which involves the conjunctiva, external eyelids and third eyelid.

Certain tests such as an ophthalmoscopic examination, Schirmer tear test to check if enough tears are being produced or fluorescein staining test to **check for ulcers or scratches on the cornea** may also be performed. Additional tests such as bacterial cultures, sensitivity tests, allergy testing, conjunctival scrapings or biopsy may also be performed.

## Help for Eye Infection

Treatment depends on the cause of the eye infection. Eye infections are usually treated with antibiotic or anti-inflammatory medications in the form of drops or ointment. Because the eye is a **very sensitive area and can be very painful**, pets do not like things being placed in their eyes, you have to be very careful and gentle when administering medications.

In more severe cases, surgery may also be performed. Your vet will show you how to **clean the eye area and remove discharge** – this can be done with warm clean water or a salt solution.

## Natural remedies

Natural and holistic treatments are becoming increasingly popular amongst pet owners as a gentler alternative to conventional medications. Treatments such as herbal remedies are **safe and effective without being addictive**. Herbal ingredients such as Arctium lappa (Burdock), Rosmarinus officinalis (Rosemary), Chelidonium majus and Filipendula ulmaria (Meadowsweet) support overall [eye health](#) functioning and promote good vision.

**There are a number of things that you can do to maintain eye health and prevent eye infections from affecting your pet and these include:**

- Keep your pet's head inside moving vehicles as foreign objects may become lodged in their eyes
- Do a daily maintenance check of your pets eyes, particularly if they are prone to infections and other eye problems
- Clean your pet's eyes regularly by wiping away a build up of discharge with eye wipes – use a sterile eyewash or tear stain removal treatments
- Keep hair out of your pet's eyes by trimming hair regularly
- Ensure that your pet has an annual veterinary checkup which includes an eye examination
- As far as possible, keep your pet away from irritants such as smoke, dust, spray, chemicals or contaminated water
- Keep a watchful eye on your pets especially in situations where they can experience trauma such as fights with other animals

## 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



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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.

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 therapeutic standards and manufactured under strict pharmaceutical conditions for your peace of mind and the well being of your pets. " Michele Carelse, Clinical Psychologist.

"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.

The [PetAlive Homeopathic range](#) has been formulated with this knowledge and is specifically designed to treat your pet in a holistic and natural manner."

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