



# Natural Help for...



## Pet Glaucoma

### What is Glaucoma?

**Glaucoma** is when the pressure of the fluid or aqueous humor within the eye becomes excessively high. This is a serious eye condition that can affect your pet and cause long term damage if left untreated. As **the pressure within the eye increases**, pressure is placed on the optic nerve and as a result visual impairment and even blindness can occur. Although the condition can affect both, **glaucoma** tends to be far more common in dogs than cats.

The **symptoms of glaucoma** may include the following:

- Severe pain in the eye (while pets cannot tell us about their pain, they may communicate it to us in their behavior. Pain often causes irritability, poor appetite, or lethargy)
- A yellow-green discharge from the eye
- Reddened eye
- Enlargement of the blood vessels of the sclera or whites of the eyes
- **Impaired vision**
- Clouded cornea or an eye with a bluish tint
- Dilated pupils that don't constrict with light
- During later stages of glaucoma the eye may appear larger or bulging.

### What Causes Glaucoma?

The eye constantly produces aqueous humor, (the clear fluid that fills the anterior chamber of the eye) and this aqueous is steadily filtered out of the anterior chamber through a complex drainage system. When this **drainage system becomes too slow**, or for other reasons, the aqueous builds up in the eye, the eye's intraocular pressure (IOP) increases and pressure is put on the optic nerve and retinal fibers.

Glaucoma can either be primary or secondary. Primary glaucoma is when glaucoma occurs as your pet has a **physical predisposition to the condition**. For example, drainage pores within the eyes may be too small, or at an awkward angle, making drainage of fluids from the eye difficult. In many cases primary glaucoma is genetic and is commonly seen in certain breeds such as Beagles, Cocker Spaniels, Basset Hounds, Miniature Poodles and Dachshunds.

Secondary glaucoma on the other hand is caused by another condition such as an eye inflammation caused by injury or an **eye infection**, cataracts, cancer in the eye, lens displacement, or chronic retinal detachment.

### Diagnosing Glaucoma



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If you suspect your pet may have glaucoma then it should be treated as a veterinary emergency. Your vet will measure the **intra intraocular pressure** (IOP) with a Schiötz tonometer or a Tonopen. Normal IOP readings range between 12 to 22mmHg, and a reading of greater than 30mmHg is generally diagnosed as glaucoma.

## Help for Glaucoma

The [treatment of glaucoma](#) depends on the severity and the underlying cause of the condition. In many cases, by the time the glaucoma is realized, **permanent visual damage has already occurred** and the treatment is aimed at saving the unaffected eye. Therefore the sooner the glaucoma is treated, the better the prognosis.

Conventional treatment options include medication or surgery. There are a number of medications that can help to reduce intra intraocular pressure, reduce the amount of aqueous humor produced in the eye, and **assist with fluid drainage**. These may include topical ointments or oral medications, however it must be noted that medication is usually not a long term solution to the problem, and in many cases, glaucoma is only resolved with surgery.

Surgical procedures will vary depending on the cause and severity. In a procedure known as laser cyclophotocoagulation, a small part of the eye that produces the aqueous humor is destroyed to reduce fluid build up. In cases where the **eye is very painful, or visual damage has resulted in blindness**, the eye is often removed in a procedure known as enucleation.

## Natural Remedies

While natural remedies should not be used in place of **conventional treatment for glaucoma**, there are a number of herbal and homeopathic remedies that can help prevent the disorder and possibly slow it down.

Burdock is one such help that has excellent eye-cleansing and detoxifying properties and is very beneficial when trying to treat eye infections. Rosemary also comes highly recommended for a number of [eye problems](#) as it has **strong anti-inflammatory properties** as well as the ability to help relieve pain. Chelidonium majus and Meadow Sweet can also be used to help promote healing of the eye and to reduce pain and inflammation.

## Tips for glaucoma

- Secondary glaucoma can often be prevented if the underlying cause is noticed and treated swiftly. For this reason, any eye injury, infection or inflammation should be taken seriously and treated as soon as possible.
- Primary glaucoma is not easy to prevent, however, if you know your pet has the predisposition to glaucoma then regular eye check ups will help to pick up early signs of the condition.
- Diabetic pets are more prone to [eye problems](#) such as cataracts which can cause glaucoma. It is therefore essential to manage a diabetic pet's glucose levels closely to reduce the chances of [eye problems](#).
- It can be devastating to learn that your pet is losing its sight as a result of



### 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.

glaucoma. Keep in mind that cats and dogs are incredibly adaptable and can live long and happy lives without vision. Unlike humans, animals have an incredibly sensitive sense of smell and impeccable hearing which can make up for the loss of sight.

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

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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."

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

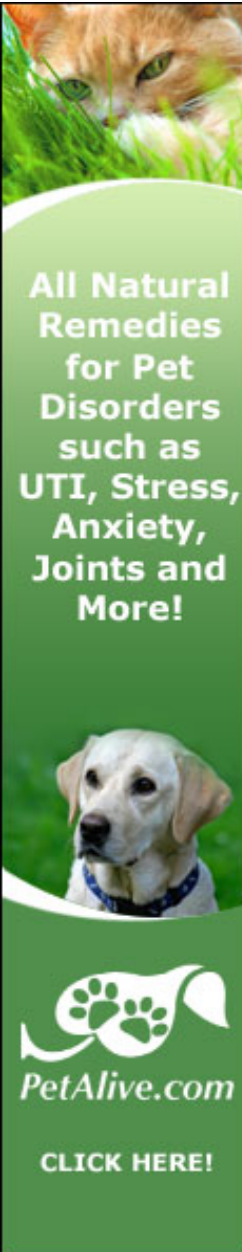
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