

## **Congenital abnormalities**

Congenital abnormalities of the eyeball or its surrounding tissue are generally evident shortly after a puppy's birth, but may develop within the first six to eight weeks of life. It is basically improper development of the eyes which are genetically inherited.

Since most congenital ocular anomalies are hereditary, the parents of the puppy should not be bred.

They are the result of...

- Genetics
- Spontaneous malformations
- Uterine conditions (e.g., infections and inflammations during pregnancy)
- Toxicity during pregnancy
- Nutritional deficiencies during pregnancy

There is no medical treatment for this. In most cases the dog has limited vision and some are left blind. It is recommended that you have frequent checkups with a veterinarian to monitor tear production and the status of the external eye structures.

There are a few cases where the structure of the eye is prone to infection or has dry eye that it is recommended to have what exit of the eye be removed.

