

Dry Eye

Dry eye comes about two ways. If he does not have dry eye now he more likely never will.



Incidents resulting in dry eye:

1. **Cherry eye removal.** The proper procedure to repair a cherry eye is to insert it back where it belongs as it is part of the tear gland. Old school, which some vets still do, is to remove it. This results in dry eye.

2. Some dogs are born with underdeveloped tear gland resulting in **dry eye**. Normally this is an issue for both eyes and not just one.

Symptoms: You can tell a dog has dry eye because the eye is normally dark in color and will have no shine to it. If not treated the dog will rub it. You may also see a lot of gunk or eye boogers as well.

Testing: Tear test that is performed at your vet office showing the amount of tear production if any.

Treatment: You treat dry eye with daily eye drops. The most common drop prescribed, and can only be purchased from a vet, is Cyclosporine. This is not cheap but required. Cyclosporine is given two to three times a day. Most dogs need more than that so I recommend the following in between cyclosporine treatment. Optixcare eye Lubricant +Hyaluron (Amazon.com has great prices) during the day and at night GenTeal PM Ointment Lubricant (Walmart or local pharmacy). Medication is a must in order to keep your dog comfortable.