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ENTROPION

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Entropion is a painful condition in which the eyelids roll in – placing the hairs on the edge of the eyelid in contact with the highly sensitive surface of the cornea. If the entropion is severe enough it can cause ulceration of the corneal surface and possible rupture of the eye itself.

The most common indication of entropion is squinting of the affected eye(s), accompanied by excessive tearing or tear staining.

Entropion is commonly an inherited problem although there are several other causes for this condition such as corneal trauma or injury to advancing age or muscle wasting disease. The most common cause however is breed specific confirmation in such breeds as Shar Pei, Chow Chow, Rottweiler, Chinese Pug, Pit Bull and most of the other bulldog breeds with shortened muzzles and facial wrinkles predisposing them to entropion.

Surgical correction is the best option for the continuing health and comfort of your pet. The doctor will evaluate the severity of the entropion and advise you of the best procedure for correction. In most cases a narrow strip of skin underlying tissue is surgically excised from the affected area under general anesthesia. The edges are sutured back together rolling the eyelid margins outward into a normal position. Skin sutures may or may not be present but your pet will need to wear the Buster collar for approximately 1 - 2 weeks. The Buster collar prevents rubbing at the face and surgical site ensuring an uneventful healing with a minimum of regional scarring. In very isolated cases the procedure may need to be repeated.

As always, your role as care giver is of utmost importance to your pet. Please give all medications as prescribed by the doctor and call the office if questions or problems arise.