



Eye Emergency: See Now

Some eye problems can cost sight in hours. Know them.

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PET NAME	KNOWN EYE CONDITION	VET PRACTICE	OUT-OF-HOURS
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Most eye problems are not emergencies, but a handful are, and with the eye, time really is sight. When in doubt, an eye is always worth a same-day call; these signs mean do not wait.

SEE A VET STRAIGHT AWAY IF YOU NOTICE

A sudden loss of sight (bumping into things, lost in a familiar room); a very painful eye (held shut, pawing, rubbing, tears, shying from light); a red, cloudy, bluish or bulging eye, or a suddenly bigger pupil (possible glaucoma, a pressure emergency); any injury, a chemical or shampoo splash, or something stuck in the eye; an eye knocked out of its socket. Phone ahead and go.

WHILE YOU HEAD IN

- Stop them rubbing: a buster collar or cone if you have one
- Do not put in any old drops or ointment unless your vet tells you to
- For a chemical splash, rinse gently with clean water or saline on the way
- Keep them calm; cover a popped-out eye with a clean, damp cloth, do not push it back

THE UPSTREAM LINK WORTH KNOWING

Diabetes can bring on cataracts, and high blood pressure from kidney or thyroid disease can detach the retina and cause sudden blindness, often catchable if spotted early. If your pet has one of these, keep their eyes on the radar.

KEEP TO HAND

Day practice: **[phone]** . Out-of-hours: **[phone]** . Nearest eye specialist: **[write in]** .

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How to use. With eyes, when in doubt, ring the same day. The signs above mean go now; sight saved is often a matter of hours, not days.

WITH EYES, TIME IS SIGHT