

# Third Eyelid Prolapse (“Cherry Eye”)

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“Cherry Eye” is a common condition in dogs, usually **less than a year of age**. The gland of the third eyelid(s) evert while remaining attached to the cartilage and base of the eyelid. It is seen most commonly in **brachycephalic breeds**, Poodles, Cockers, Bassets, and Beagles but can be seen in any breed. For the purposes of board exams, fortunately, there is not too much additional information that you need to know. You should definitely be able to recognize the condition by a picture or description and recommend therapy which is **gland replacement** by the **Morgan pocket technique** or Kaswan anchoring technique. Removal of the gland places dogs at increased **risk of developing keratoconjunctivitis sicca (KCS)**. These PowerLinks provide additional information as well as images so to help you recognize the condition easily.

## “Cherry Eye” PowerLinks

### **Practical Tips Lecture for Ophthalmic Surgery by Elizabeth Giuliano, DVM, DACVO**

<http://www.bravo.org.uk/htm/BrAVO2006EAGpractical%20tipsforophthalmicsurgerycompressed.pdf>

Pages (or slides) 39-47 provide a brief review of third eyelid function and physiology and several images of dogs with cherry eye as well as a description of the Morgan pocket technique.

### **UW Lecture Notes on Third Eyelid Disorders by Paul Miller DVM, DACVO**

<http://www.vetmed.wisc.edu/Data/CourseMaterial/Miller/Thirdeyelid.pdf>

Pages 3-4 cover the key features of this disease and reference the studies that showed increased risk of KCS with gland removal.

### **VIN Conference Proceedings, WSAVA, Surgical Management of Third Eyelid Problems in Dogs by Robin Stanley, BVSc (Hons), FACVSc (Oph)**

<http://www.vin.com/Members/Proceedings/Proceedings.plx?CID=wsava2007&PID=pr18055&O=VIN>

This lecture gives a concise stepwise description of surgical replacement of the third eyelid gland. It is unlikely that you would be expected to know or asked these details on a board exam but is provided more for future reference. It also discusses third eyelid cartilage eversion which can be confused with cherry eye.