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ENTROPION

Entropion is inward rolling of the eyelids. This causes the eyelid hairs to rub on the eye, which is uncomfortable and irritating. Entropion can involve one lid, or as many as all four eyelids. Some cases are mild; while others are so severe it can be hard to see the eyes. Some breeds that commonly have entropion are Labrador Retrievers, Shar Peis, Chow Chows, Rottweilers and Bulldogs.

If your pet has entropion, some of the signs you may see include squinting, tearing, redness and rubbing the eye. The Entropion can cause a scratch on the eye, called an ulcer. The diagnosis of Entropion is made through a complete ophthalmic examination.

If you have a puppy with Entropion, then temporary correction with sutures is done to give the puppy time to “grow into their skin.” If the Entropion is present after your pet is full grown, then surgery is needed for permanent correction. There are many different surgeries that can be used to correct entropion, and the veterinary ophthalmologist will determine which is best for your pet.

Following surgery, a protective E-collar is worn until the sutures are removed 10-14 days after surgery. Eye medication is usually prescribed after surgery to decrease irritation and prevent infection.

Entropion surgery is a very delicate procedure that can influence how your pet looks. For this reason, severe cases may need multiple surgeries to achieve the optimal outcome. In most cases, however, one procedure is successful in correcting the entropion and relieving your pet’s discomfort.