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FOLLICULAR CONJUNCTIVITIS IN DOGS

What is follicular conjunctivitis?

Follicular conjunctivitis is an inflammation of the conjunctiva of the eye associated with increased formation of lymphoid follicles. It is a very common condition, especially in young dogs. Chronic antigenic stimulation (i.e. allergies) is the most common cause.

What signs may I notice in my dog?

You may notice a red appearance of the eye(s) with bumps on the surface of the conjunctiva, increased tearing and discharge or rubbing at the eye(s).

Treatment

In mild cases, treatment may not be necessary. If the inflammation is pronounced and/or the dog becomes uncomfortable, treatment with anti-inflammatory drops (in a tapering regimen) +/- flushing with eyewash or artificial tear solution will reduce clinical signs. Recurrence is possible following treatment. In some cases, long-term topical therapy is necessary to control the inflammation.