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## **FLORIDA SPOTS**

Here in the Southeastern United States some dogs and cats acquire white “cloudy spots” on the eye(s). These corneal opacities are apparently unique to tropical and subtropical climates. The opacities have been termed “Florida Spots.”

This disease is characterized by round, benign, gray to gray-white, fluffy cotton like opacities of varying sizes on the cornea of the eye. Usually there is no inflammation or discomfort and functional vision for your pet is not affected. There is no treatment necessary.

The cause of Florida Spots is unknown. Some clinical studies have shown that pets with spots are kept as indoor/outdoor pets or are housed with another pet that has regular access to outdoors. The geographic distribution of the problem indicates the causative agent may be unique to tropical climates and/or environmental factors may play a role in the expression of the condition.