



Blue Cross Veterinary Hospital

Prolapsed Third Eyelid Repair (Cherry Eye)

Consent Form

Your pet has been diagnosed with a prolapsed gland of the third eyelid. This condition is also referred to as “cherry eye,” because the prolapsed gland resembles a cherry. This abnormality can affect only one eye or both. The gland of the third eyelid is responsible for helping to make tears that keep the eye moist. In some breeds of dogs, especially Cocker Spaniels, Bulldogs, Beagles, Bloodhounds, Lhasa Apsos, and Shih Tzus, the fibrous band that holds the gland in place becomes weak and the gland protrudes above the third eyelid. This condition is commonly corrected with surgery in order to fix the gland back in its normal position.

Whenever there is an abnormality with the gland of the third eyelid there is a risk of decreased tear production. Reduced tear production can cause the eyes to be dry and irritated which can result in a disease referred to as keritoconjunctivitis sica (KCS), or “dry eye”. We can test for this disease by monitoring tear production using a test called a Schirmer tear test. Your pet should be monitored regularly. If “dry eye” is noted medication can be used to replace the tears and prevent pain, irritation, and disease of the eyes.

In addition, it is important for you to understand that if you proceed with surgical correction of the prolapsed gland there is a risk that the problem will recur. This is an uncommon complication but it CAN and DOES occur in some pets. If the prolapse were to recur the recommendation would be to repeat the procedure. While it is unlikely that the condition will recur in your pet it is important that you understand that there is a risk of reoccurrence.

There is also a risk of abrasion to the cornea during the procedure (referred to as corneal ulceration). Following surgery the cornea will be tested for any scratches or abrasions using a florescene stain. If this condition is noted it will be treated with medication.

I consent and authorize **Blue Cross Veterinary Hospital doctors and staff to do all necessary treatments and procedures for the correction of my pet’s prolapsed third eyelid gland.** I understand that with any medical procedure there are risks involved and I accept these risks. In particular, I have been made aware of the risk of keritoconjunctivitis sica (dry eye) and corneal ulceration. I understand that if any of these problems develop I will be financially responsible for any and all follow up care for those conditions. I further understand that no guarantee of successful treatment has been made. If the prolapse does reoccur and I proceed with a second surgery I will be financially responsible for the complete cost of the additional surgery and all after care.

I am owner or agent for the owner of the below-named animal and have the authority to execute this consent. I therefore consent and authorize the performance of the prolapsed third eyelid repair procedure.

Pet’s name _____

Signature (owner/agent): _____ Date: _____