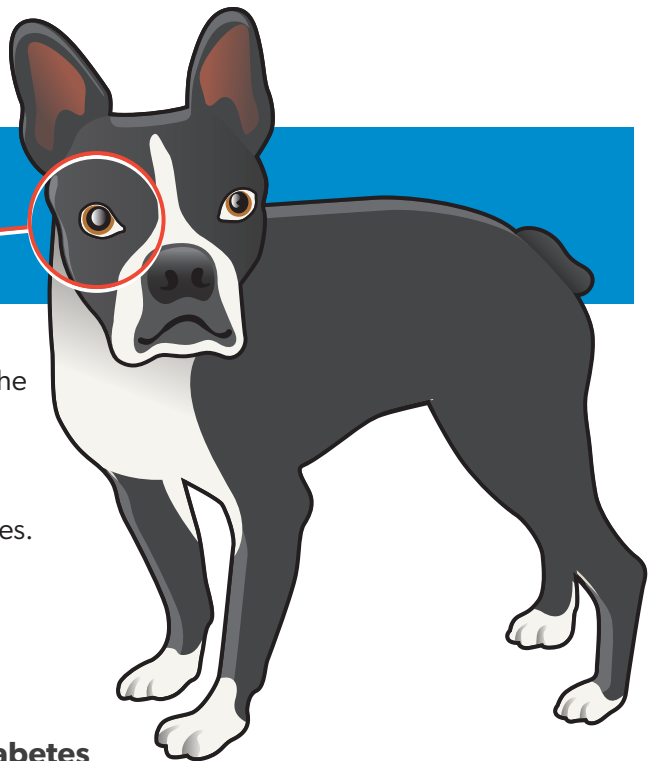


CARING FOR A DOG WITH CATARACTS



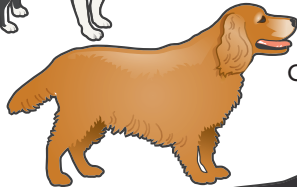
Cataracts develop when the lens of the eye clouds, usually due to the water balance in the lens or a change in protein. As the lens clouds over, it blocks light from reaching a dog's retina, causing reduced vision or blindness. Cataracts can develop seemingly over night or very slowly, depending on the cause, and can form in one or both eyes.

What Breeds get Cataracts?

Breeds Commonly Affected:



Boston Terrier



Cocker Spaniel



Siberian Husky



Poodle

100+
Dog Breeds
Affected

Diabetic
dogs are
at a
high risk

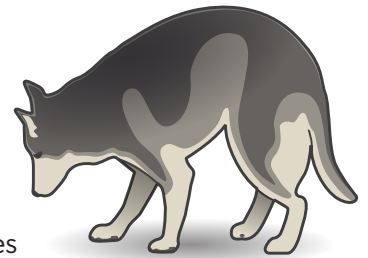
Diabetes

Almost all diabetic dogs will develop cataracts within their first year of diagnosis. High blood sugar levels change the balance of water in the lens – diabetic cataracts are the fastest growing form of the condition. Once they begin to form, diabetic dogs will typically lose their sight within a 48-hour period.

Cataract Symptoms



- A bluish, gray, or white haze covering the eye
- Sudden clumsiness and bumping into obstacles
- Walking with nose to the ground
- Apparent eye irritation or eye discharge
- Increased blinking, rubbing, or scratching eyes



Causes of Canine Cataracts

Inherited Condition

Most cases of cataracts are hereditary, affecting over 100 different dog breeds

Age Related

As dogs age, vision problems and cataracts can naturally develop. Dogs at risk for other age-related diseases may be at a higher risk of cataract development.



HOW CAN I HELP MY DOG WITH CATARACTS

Know the Signs of Cataract Growth

- Look for indications of a cloudy appearance or change of color
- Look for other signs of vision impairment, such as balance loss, and bumping into furniture.
- If your dog has diabetes – watch for sudden weight gain

Cataract Surgery



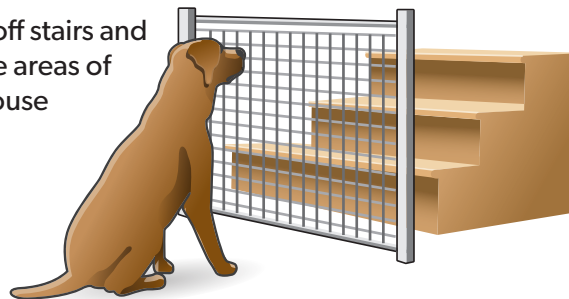
- Highly effective, cloudy lens is surgically removed to restore sight
- Diabetic pets must have diabetes regulated prior to surgery
- Untreated cataracts can be dangerous

In-Home Support

- Avoid rearranging furniture or moving familiar objects
- Introduce a Blind Dog Halo to maintain their independence



- Gate off stairs and unsafe areas of the house



BENEFITS OF A BLIND DOG HALO

A Blind Dog Halo gives vision-impaired pets the ability to safely navigate their surroundings. The halo warns your pet of nearby obstacles to maneuver around your home, letting them build their confidence to walk and explore.

A halo is a simple and effective way to encourage your blind pet to walk and play, while teaching them to be more independent.



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