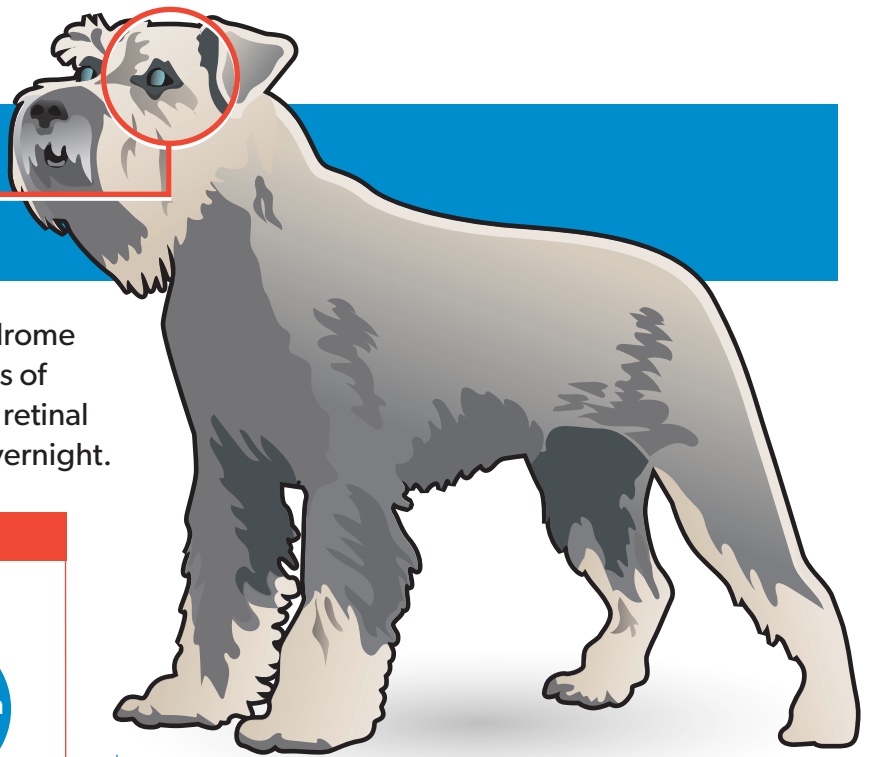


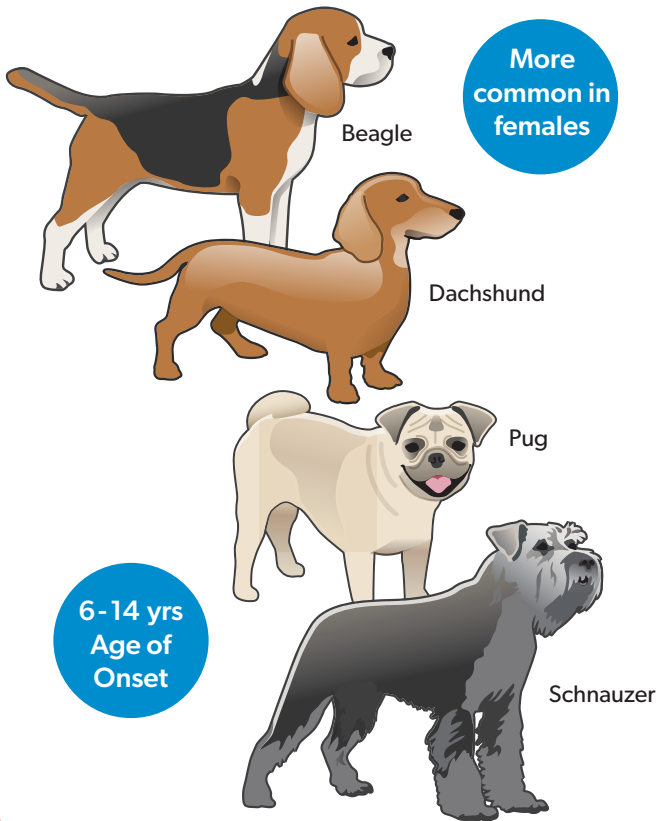
WHAT IS SARDS?



Sudden Acquired Retinal Degeneration Syndrome (or SARDS) is one of the most common causes of sudden vision loss in pets. SARDS affects the retinal tissue, causing rapid vision loss seemingly overnight.

What Breeds Get SARDS?

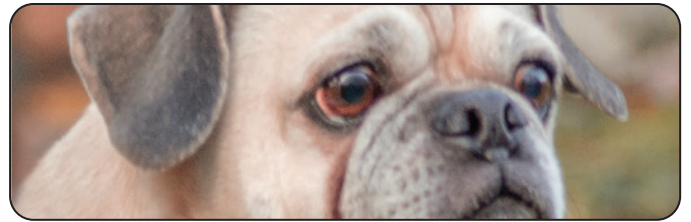
Breeds Commonly Affected:



Common Symptoms *(continued)*

Although sudden blindness is the most obvious indicator of the disease, dogs may also experience:

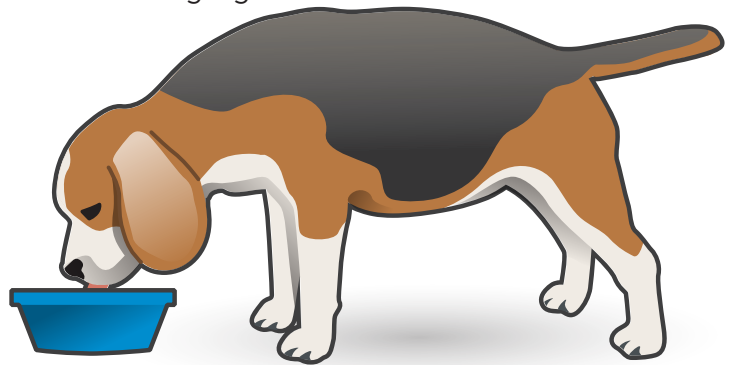
- Infrequent blinking or mild eye redness
- Dilated pupils with little response to light



- Increased appetite
- Increased thirst and urination
- Sudden weight gain

SARDS Common Symptoms

A dog who is affected by SARDS will often be hesitant to move around their home, and will resist going up or down stairs. You may notice your dog bumping into walls or furniture. A dog with SARDS may also have a reluctance to be separated from their owner.



HOW TO HELP YOUR PET WITH SARDS?

1. Avoid sudden changes to your surroundings. Once your pet adjusts and learns the environment around them, drastic changes can be even more alarming for blind pets.
2. Give your pet the tools they need to navigate their home safely. A Blind Dog Halo will gently bump into furniture and walls before the pet does, keeping the pet safe while giving them the confidence to stay active.



3. Switch to verbal and tactile commands. It seems like common sense, but avoid using hand gestures to communicate with your pet. By guiding your pet with your voice and gently touching them as you enter and exit a room, you can help make your dog feel safe and aware of where they are in the house.



Can SARDS Be Treated?

SARDS is not painful and pets living with the condition go on to live long, happy lives. Most pets with the condition are unlikely to experience any other internal problems. Your pet's vision loss may never reverse; however, some pets have seen some improvement in visual cues.



Acute blindness can be an adjustment for both pets and pet parents. But luckily sight is not the most dominant sense for many animals. With adjustment your pet will begin to rely more heavily on their senses, usually their sense of smell. As a pet parent there are many things that you can do to help your pet adjust to living without vision.

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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