

Frequently Asked Questions – Cherry Eye Surgery

What kind of care is needed after surgery? One eye drop, an antibiotic, will need to be administered 4 times a day for approximately 2 weeks. Three oral medications will be sent home as well (a pain medication, an anti-inflammatory, and an antibiotic). These will need to be administered 1-2 times a day for 10 days following surgery. Moderate discharge and/or a blood-tinged discharge from the eye may be present for 10-14 days that will require daily cleansing using a warm water-soaked cotton ball.

How long will my pet have to wear the e-collar? Your pet MUST wear a protective collar AT ALL TIMES for 10 days. This is a necessary part of the post-operative treatment. The incisions must be allowed to heal without rubbing. We understand this is a very difficult adjustment for some pets but most adapt after 24-48 hours. PLEASE DO NOT ALTER/TRIM BACK OR REMOVE THE COLLAR.

Are there sutures that need to be removed? All sutures are dissolvable and do not need to be removed. The sutures will begin to dissolve 5-7 days after surgery, and will be completely dissolved within 3-4 weeks

Can my pet be alone the day after surgery? Yes. We recommend using a kennel or a confined area of your home, such as a kitchen, and away from other pets when left alone.

What is the predicted surgical success rate? There are many different surgical techniques used to treat this. The Morgan Pocket technique is the most successful technique for replacing the nictitans gland. There is a 4 % rate of re-prolapse usually associated with certain breeds, chronic/severe inflammation of the gland, and self-trauma (protective collar being removed) and usually within several weeks of surgery. These patients will require a second surgery to replace the prolapsed gland. ***Charges will be incurred for general anesthesia and medications. If the gland re prolapses more than 6 months from the surgery date, full surgery costs will be incurred.*** NOTE: Some swelling of the gland and the tissues surrounding it may be present after surgery for several days to weeks. Often times, this is mistaken for a re-prolapsed gland.

Are there any complications I should watch for after surgery? Any time there is an incision made there is always a risk of infection. For this reason, it is important to follow our post-operative treatment recommendations sent home. Other complications associated with this surgery are usually related to self-trauma (rubbing the incision too soon). This is why it is absolutely necessary to keep the protective collar on at all times during the recommended period. Some dogs may require wearing the collar for a longer period of time than originally recommended. Two recheck appointments are included at no charge following surgery. If complications do arise, additional rechecks, surgery, and/or medications may be necessary.

I have read and understand the above information. The risks and complications associated with surgery have been explained to me to my understanding and satisfaction. I understand that I am responsible for asking any questions I have about this surgical procedure, aftercare instructions, and possible complications associated with this surgical procedure prior to pursuing surgery. In signing below, I understand and accept these risks.

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