

KERATOCONJUNCTIVITIS SICCA IN DOGS

Keratoconjunctivitis sicca (KCS), commonly known as dry eye, is typically caused by irreversible destruction of tear (lacrimal) gland by the dog's own immune systems.

When tear production decreases or stops or tears have an abnormal composition, the eyes become very dry and uncomfortable.

Affected dogs develop chronic and/or recurrent signs:

- Eye discharge - often yellow and sticky
- Red, inflamed eyes (conjunctivitis)
- Eye infections
- Eye ulcers



These signs may affect both eyes, with one eye typically worse than the other. If untreated, this condition can lead to loss of eyesight or blindness.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY DOG MAY HAVE KCS?

Does your dog

- Suffer from eye discomfort?
- Squint, rub or paw his or her eyes frequently?
- Have sticky eye discharge?
- Have recurrent episodes of conjunctivitis and/or eye ulcers?
- Have dull (non-reflective) or dry-looking eyes?
- Have skin problems too?

WHAT TYPE OF TREATMENT WILL MY DOG RECEIVE?

Your dog will receive eye drops that you will have to apply once daily at home. The eye drops must be stored in a refrigerator.

TREATMENT COSTS

For participation in the study, your dog will receive study-related care at no cost to you, including, physical examinations, lab work and assigned study treatment for their signs!