



## ECTROPION

### ABOUT THE DISEASE

**Ectropion** is a structural abnormality of the lower eyelid in canine patients that causes it to roll outward (everted) and appear droopy.

**Ectropion** exposes the delicate tissues of the eye, which causes drying, inflammation, corneal ulcers, or corneal scarification which may impair vision. Please see the [Dry Eye](#) and [Corneal Ulceration](#) documents for additional information.

While **ectropion** is not a painful condition, the secondary changes are painful.

### OBTAINING A DIAGNOSIS

A physical examination with a veterinarian often yields a definitive diagnosis.

Other ophthalmic testing exists to determine secondary changes within the eye, such as:

- Fluorescein stain – can be used to determine if corneal ulcers are present.
- Schirmer tear test – can be used to determine if decreased tear production is present.

### TREATMENT

There are no medications which will fix **ectropion**, but eye medications are often used to keep the eye lubricated and reduce inflammation, with antibiotics if a corneal ulcer is present.

**Ectropion** can be surgically corrected, which is the treatment of choice. Although, if a large amount of inflammation and swelling are present, two surgeries may be required to ensure that overcorrection from surgery does not occur.

### TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- If surgery is not elected, regularly monitor changes with the eyes and seek immediate consultation if abnormalities arise.