

My dog has injured his/her eye, what should I do?

Eye injuries are very common in dogs. The number one goal with any eye injury is to protect vision. Common signs indicating concern are squinting or protecting the eye, an abnormal appearance to the globe or eyeball itself, excessive redness to the white part of the eye or the surrounding tissues of the eye, eye drainage or any time the eyelids cannot cover the eye when closed. When evaluating your pets' eye, make sure to always use caution. Your face will be awfully close to your pets' and animals in pain or anxious are more likely to bite. Always seek veterinary attention as soon as possible with eye injuries, eyes are quite fragile and damage to the eye and vision can occur quickly. Some things to remember: if there is a foreign object in your pets' eye do not attempt to remove it yourself. If an eye has been dislocated from the socket, or the eyelids cannot cover the eye when closed, keep the eyeball moist with contact lens solution, water, KY jelly or saline. Never attempt to return the eyeball to the socket yourself, the inner structures of the eye can be easily damaged. If an irritating chemical accidentally gets into the eye, flush the eye with running water, contact lens solution or saline. All of these tips are only to be used on the way to the veterinary office, remember time is of the essence.