



Guide Dogs for the Blind

Discharge Instructions for Puppy with Entropion Tacking

Summary:

_____(PUPPY NAME)_____ had excess skin on the _____(LEFT OR RIGHT)_____ lower eyelid that was rolling inward and causing eye irritation (this is called entropion).

INCLUDE INFO ON ANY ENTROPION SURGERIES DONE

To try to avoid eyelid surgery, a “tacking” procedure was done where sutures are used to keep the eyelid from rolling inward. These sutures stay in as the puppy grows until they are no longer effective. Some dogs can avoid future surgeries this way, however sometimes another surgery will still be needed.

Instructions:

These sutures are NOT closing an incision; they are just gently pulling the excess skin away from the eyelid. Puppies with tacks do NOT need to wear an e-collar and she can do all normal puppy activities.

Medications:

NO medications are needed in the eye. It is normal for the lower eyelid to be pulled slightly outward and you may see the lower pink area below the eye.

Rechecks:

Please schedule an eye recheck with your local veterinarian 1-2 weeks after the puppy arrives home. This can be combined with a puppy vaccine visit. Please call your local veterinarian sooner for an appointment if you notice excessive squinting, eye redness, eye discharge, or that the sutures are touching the eye. Your local veterinarian can remove the tacks once they have grown out and are no longer effective. If the lower eyelid rolls inward again, please have the puppy examined by your veterinarian. Thank you!