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Exophthalmos

Issue Description

A bulging of the eye anteriorly out of the orbit.

Other Names

Exophthalmia

Causes

Complete or partial dislocation from the orbit is possible from trauma or swelling of surrounding tissue resulting from trauma.

Breeds Affected

Exophthalmos is commonly seen in the Pug, Boston Terrier, Pekingese, and Shih Tzu.

Symptoms

Measurement of the degree of exophthalmos is performed using an exophthalmometer. Complete or partial dislocation from the orbit is also possible from trauma or swelling of surrounding tissue resulting from trauma.

Diagnosis

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Treatment

If left untreated, exophthalmos can cause the eye lids to fail to close during sleep leading to corneal dryness and damage. The process that is causing the displacement of the eye may also compress the optic nerve or ophthalmic artery leading to blindness.

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