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Imperforate Lacrimal Punctum

Issue Description

An imperforate lacrimal punctum is a congenital disorder of dogs involving the lack of an opening to the nasolacrimal duct (tear duct) in the conjunctiva. Dogs normally have two lacrimal puncta, the superior and inferior. This condition can affect either or both.

Affected breeds include:

- American Cocker Spaniel
- Bedlington Terrier
- Golden Retriever
- Poodle
- Samoyed

Symptoms

Symptoms include excessive tearing and tear staining of the hair around the eye.

Treatment

Imperforate lacrimal puncta can be corrected by surgical opening of the punctum.

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