

## **Ophthalmology Emergencies**

What is an emergency?

If you notice any of the following symptoms, please seek professional advice urgently

- $\rightarrow$ Sudden loss of vision in one or both eyes
- $\rightarrow$ A painful eye (unable to open normally)
- $\rightarrow$  The surface of the eye becomes cloudy or blue over a short period of time
- $\rightarrow$ Marked redness/swelling of the eye or structures around it
- $\rightarrow$ Trauma to the eye (bleeding, damaged eyeball or eyelids, foreign matter in eye)

We make every effort to see urgent and emergency cases quickly. If you are worried about your animal's eye, please contact your own vet in the first instance. If after examination, your vet is very concerned about your animal's eye problem and feels referral is appropriate, they will contact us to arrange an appointment or ask you to do so. If your pet has an on-going eye complaint and you have been to Seadown before, then it may be more appropriate to contact us directly. Please contact the surgery on 023 80842237 in working hours or 023 80841424 out of hours. We are also happy to discuss cases and give advice to referring vets over the phone.



If you are referred as an emergency, it is helpful to bring any medication your pet requires with you. In some instances it is necessary to hospitalize your pet, for example if he/she needs intensive medication and monitoring or a surgical procedure. We have experienced nurses on site 24 hours a day who provide the best in in-patient care.

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