









### **Cataract surgery**

If your dog isn't coping well with cataracts, you may opt for surgery (to remove them). Cataract surgery is only performed by specialist vets at referral centres. After surgery, your dog will need careful nursing and regular check-ups to help them recover and make sure everything is going as expected.

### **Prevention**

It's important to do your research before getting a dog. If you are considering getting a breed that is at risk of eye disease, you should check whether their parents have been screened under the 'Eye Scheme'. The Eye Scheme is run by the British Veterinary Association, Kennel Club and International Sheep Dog Society and currently screens 59 dog breeds for 11 types of inherited eye disease (including the common forms of cataract).

### **Cost**

Treatment for a dog with cataracts can become very expensive, especially if surgery is necessary. It's very important to speak openly to your vet about your finances, the cost of treatment, as well as what you think is right for your dog. There are often several treatment options so if one doesn't work for you and your pet then the vet may be able to offer another.

Consider insuring your dog as soon as you get them, before any signs of illness start. This will ensure you have all the support you need to care for them.

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