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5th September 2019

AVSPNI Small Animal Evening Meeting

Supper: 7.15pm

Main Presentation: 8pm

VSSCo, Lisburn

Disorders of the tear film in dogs

Deficiencies of the tear film are common in dogs. A symphony of anatomical, physiological, neurological factors combine to form, distribute and eliminate the tear film. The most obvious disorder is quantitative deficiency, causing keratoconjunctivitis sicca. However, there are several other more over-looked conditions including diseases that affect lipid and mucin production, lacrimation, and the spreading of the tear film. Brachycephalic dogs are a good example of dogs which may have a normal Schirmer tear test reading, and yet suffer from tear film disorders that can lead to corneal pigmentation, ulceration and blindness. Examination of the lacrimal system along with recommended treatments will be reviewed.

Natasha Mitchell



After graduating from University College Dublin with a degree in Veterinary Medicine, Natasha worked in Australia and the UK, where she developed a keen interest in ophthalmology. She obtained an RCVS Certificate in Veterinary Ophthalmology in 2004. She later joined the Eye Veterinary Clinic in Herefordshire where she completed an alternative residency programme for the RCVS Diploma in Veterinary Ophthalmology which she obtained in 2011. Natasha is a Veterinary Council of Ireland recognised specialist in Veterinary Ophthalmology. She has published journal articles and textbook chapters and two textbooks, as well as creating education apps in veterinary ophthalmology. She is a panellist for the BVA/KC/ISDS scheme and offers eye testing in dogs. She runs a referral veterinary ophthalmology service, Eye Vet, in Limerick.

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