

## CORNEAL DYSTROPHY

Corneal dystrophy is a hereditary disorder affecting the layers that make up the cornea (the clear surface of the eye). Cloudiness is the primary characteristic of corneal dystrophy that you are likely to notice. In some cases, the dystrophic (cloudy) areas of the cornea are prone to intermittent erosions that could cause your pet to squint from time to time. Topical eye ointments can be used to create a protective layer over dystrophic areas.

Corneal dystrophy occurs in both eyes and tends to run in certain breeds of dogs, including the Boston Terrier, Sheltie, Samoyed, Husky, Beagle, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, and Corgi. Once corneal dystrophy occurs, the cloudy dystrophic areas will not go away. Small areas of corneal dystrophy do not usually affect vision, but larger cloudy areas can sometimes interfere with vision