

RETINAL DEGENERATION

The retina is the nervous layer in the back of the eye responsible for collecting and transmitting light images to the brain where they can be interpreted as vision. Retinal Atrophy and Retinal Degeneration are general terms used to describe areas of the retina that are not functioning properly or are “worn out”. Small areas of degeneration may not cause vision problems, but large areas of degeneration can significantly interfere with normal vision. Retinal degeneration or atrophy can result from severe eye trauma, infection, retinal detachment, or aging. Treating the underlying cause will prevent further degeneration and vision loss. Unfortunately, there is no way to repair the areas that are already damaged. Your pet will have decreased vision at night initially, followed by loss of vision in the daytime.