

SCROLLED/EVERTED CARTILAGE OF THE NICTITANS

The third eyelid of the dog or cat normally lies flat against the eyeball and tucked underneath the lower lid. When the cartilage becomes everted, the third eyelid can flip backwards onto itself. This condition is hereditary in the Weimaraner, German Shorthair Pointer, Great Dane, Bull Mastiff, and St. Bernard breeds. Chronic conjunctivitis and ocular discharge can result. Scrolling of the third eyelid is usually a cosmetic problem only, but surgical repair of this condition may be recommended in some cases.