

Tips for Taking Photographs of your Pet's Eyes

We are very pleased to be able to offer phone and video consults with the Langford Vets Ophthalmology Service. This will allow access to our ophthalmology team to advise as best as we can while keeping you and your family safe during the coronavirus outbreak.

Taking good quality pictures can give us a lot more information about your pet's eye problem. Assessment of photographs cannot replace a full eye examination and there will be conditions that we cannot diagnose on a picture alone. However, for many cases we will be able to provide appropriate advice and guidance to reduce the need for you to visit the hospital.

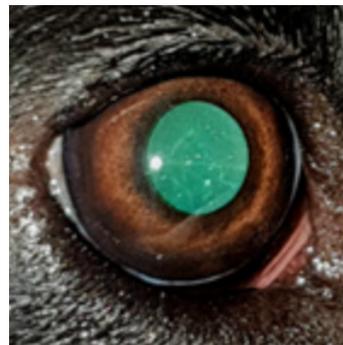
Top Tips for Using an iPhone or Android Phone Camera

- It can be very helpful to ask another person to hold your pet to prevent them wriggling while you are taking photos.
- Open your pet's eyelids gently with your fingers
- Use the normal camera app with the flash switched on
- Take the photos in the dark – turn the light off and draw the curtains to prevent reflections on the surface of the eye
- Guide the focus point of the camera to the eye
- Many phone cameras will automatically focus on the object closest to the screen but some need encouragement by touching the screen in the location you want it to focus on (the eye)
- Take several pictures if necessary or a video in the same dark conditions but with the flash on continuously

- Take photos of both eyes, even if the problem is in one eye. It can help us to compare between the two or pick up on subtle differences
- Get your pet's attention by calling their name, making a squeaky noise or asking a third person to stand behind you with a toy or treat. Your pet should be looking into the camera when you take your photo



This photo is taken with the lights on without the flash creating lots of reflection (including the reflection of the phone!) and it is difficult to see the pupil and iris.



This photo is taken in the dark, with the flash on, there is very little reflection and the pupil can be easily seen.

Once you have taken your pictures, you can email them to eyes@langfordvets.co.uk for us to review.

Best wishes,



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