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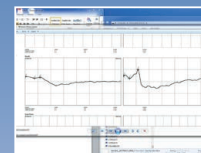
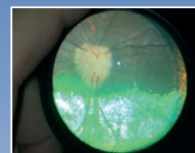
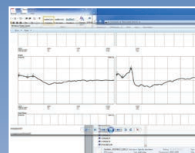
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Sudden Acquired Retinal Degeneration Syndrome



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SARDS *Sudden Acquired Retinal Degeneration Syndrome*

What is SARDS?

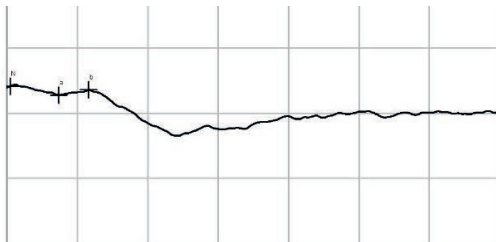
SARDS or “Sudden Acquired Retinal Degeneration Syndrome” is a condition involving the retina (the thin layer of nerve cells at the back of the eye which convert light into electrical signals) that results in sudden onset irreversible blindness.

Why does it occur?

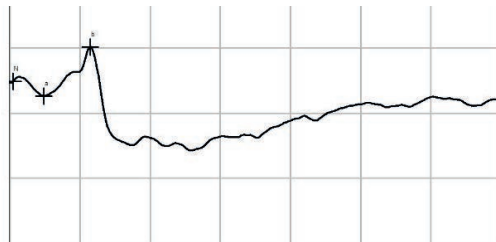
The exact cause is unknown, however immune-mediated/ genetic causes have been suggested. This condition is typically seen in middle aged, slightly overweight female dogs.

Can both eyes be affected?

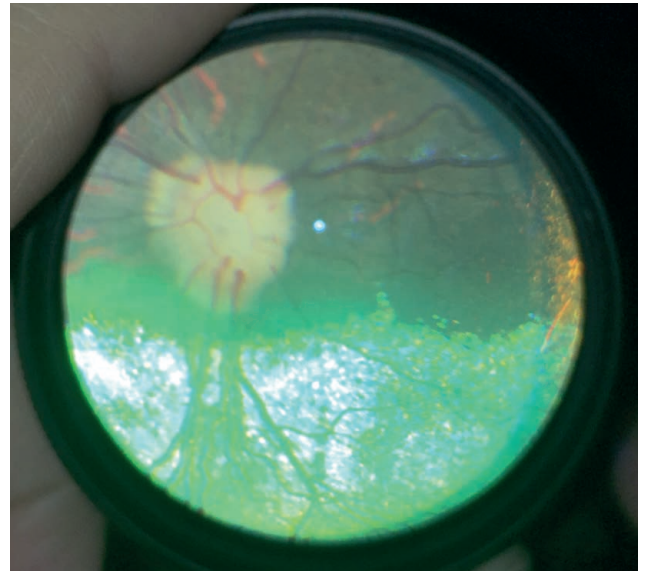
Yes, one of the hallmarks of “SARDS” is bilateral symmetric involvement.



No response on electrodiagnostic testing of the retina (affected by SARDS)



Normal response on electrodiagnostic testing of the retina (normal Retina)



Are any breeds predisposed?

Whereas SARDS can affect any breed, we tend to see it more frequently in middle aged female Dachshunds with a recent history of weight gain.

What treatment options do I have?

Unfortunately there is no clinically proven treatment for “SARDS”, however this disease is a subject of current research.

Is my dog in any pain?

Fortunately this disease is not painful. Although it takes time, most dogs adapt well to being blind.

If you have any further questions regarding this or any other condition feel free to contact us.