

This factsheet has been prepared to help you understand corneal sequestrum. Whilst it is hoped this factsheet addresses many concerns you may have, please contact us if you have any further questions regarding the condition.

What is a corneal sequestrum?

A corneal sequestrum is a disease of the surface of the eye (cornea). It is commonly seen in cats and only rarely seen in dogs. The sequestrum is an accumulation of dead corneal tissue, which acts as a foreign body and causes significant discomfort.



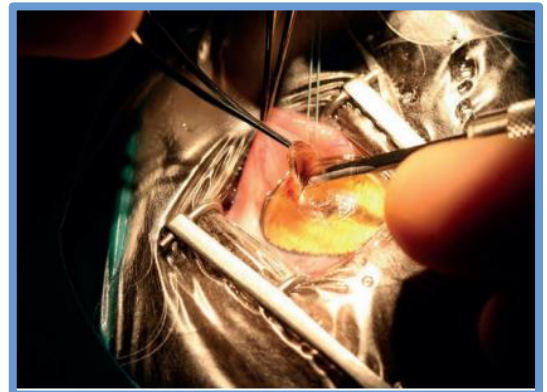
Why does it occur?

The reason a corneal sequestrum forms is unclear, however several underlying contributing factors have been associated with its development. These factors include:

- infectious diseases
- chronic irritation due to misdirected hair
- foreign bodies
- dry eye disease

What treatment options do I have?

Corneal sequestration is generally considered a surgical condition. Whereas supportive medical treatment and correction of the underlying cause are important, few cases make a full recovery without surgery. Several surgical techniques are available and are tailored specifically to your cats needs, depending on the stage of the disease and other contributing factors.



Are any breeds predisposed?

All breeds can be affected. Persians, Himalayans and British Short Hair cats seem to be predisposed.

What happens if I do nothing?

Corneal sequestration tends to progress, causing deep corneal ulceration, which may result in loss of vision or the eye. It will also cause severe ocular discomfort if left untreated.