



ADOPTION WAIVER

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I am adopting animal **Willie**, and I have been informed that this pet has a known **medical** condition that will need follow up with a **Licensed Veterinarian**. I understand that this is a condition that may or may not be ongoing. Conditions include, but are not limited to, the following:

Cherry Eye - Right and Left Eyes

- Willie received Cherry Eye Tacking Procedure on both his left and right eyes on November 23, 2022 at VCA Blossom Hill in San Jose, CA.
- Description of Cherry Eye:
 - Willie has been diagnosed with cherry eye in both eyes. This descriptive term has persisted for a condition more appropriately called prolapse of the gland of the third eyelid or prolapse of the nictitating membrane gland. This important tear secreting gland, when in an abnormal position, is swollen due to vascular congestion. The gland can look like a red mass behind the third eyelid - a so-called "cherry eye". The problem is seen primarily in young dogs, and is more common in certain breeds such as the Cocker Spaniel, Lhasa Apso, Shih-Tzu, Poodle, and Bulldog. In these breeds there may be poor anchoring of the gland into its normal position, or an associated condition where the supporting cartilage of the third eyelid forms with a bend, stressing the gland's connective tissue attachments. Fortunately, despite its dramatic appearance, the prolapsed gland itself is rarely painful, but can become irritated, swollen, and infected over time. Furthermore tear secretion could become compromised if the gland is abnormally positioned for long periods of time. To correct the prolapsed gland, surgical replacement is necessary. Replacing the gland into a more protected and normal position allows it to keep its important function - production of lubricating tears for the eye! Surgery is highly successful with over 90% success; rarely, the gland will still prolapse despite surgery and a second surgical procedure is needed. Before this important role of the gland was fully understood, "cherry eyes" were commonly excised, rather than replaced. We now know that dogs who have had this tear gland removed are predisposed to developing Keratoconjunctivitis Sicca, or KCS later in life. Keratoconjunctivitis Sicca is uncomfortable for the patient, and requires the owner to administer topical medications several times a day for the remainder of the patient's life. To avoid chronic dryness, it is preferable to tuck the tear gland back inside the third eyelid, where it has the best chance to continue normal function. Surgical methods used to correct "cherry eye", are numerous and all have the goal of repositioning the gland near its original position. The exact technique used depends on the pet and the surgeon's preference. Typically the tear gland is repositioned in one of the following ways; tucked inside a pocket that was surgically created in the third eyelid, tacked to the rim of the eye socket (orbit) or tacked to the white of the eye (sclera). No technique for cherry eye repair is always 100% successful. If the gland re prolapses after surgery, the dog will need repeat surgery to replace it once more. Most pets are comfortable after cherry eye surgery. An e collar is used to protect the surgery site until the incision heals, and eye medicines are used during the first few months to reduce inflammation.
- Willie was last seen at VCA Blossom Hill on December 14, 2022 and he has completed all follow up treatment for his Cherry Eye Surgery.



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I hereby agree to accept responsibility for the continued monitoring of the animal I am adopting. I also agree to take my new pet to a **Licensed Veterinarian**, of my choice, no later than **2 months after adoption**.

I understand that Silicon Valley Pet Project will not be able to provide further assistance with diagnosis and management of this condition(s) and agree to release said agency from any and all financial expenditures/obligations incurred in seeking future treatment, including but not limited to any other conditions that may present at anytime after adoption. I am also aware no fees for services provided by Silicon Valley Pet Project will be refunded to me for these or other future conditions, including any damage or harm caused by this pet upon any person or property.

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Print Name

20 Dec 2022

Date

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