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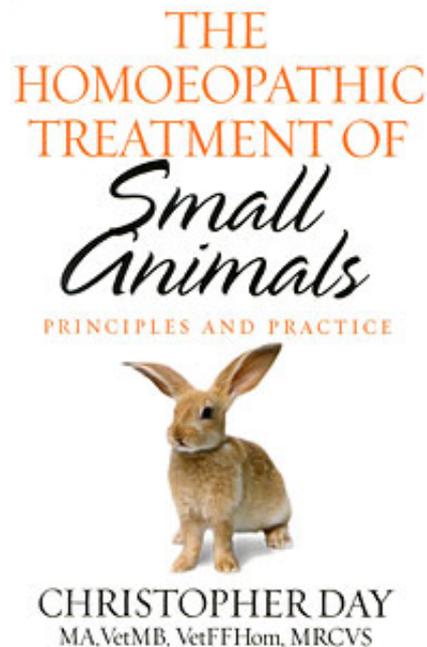
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## HOMOEOPATHIC TREATMENT OF SMALL ANIMALS

### EYES

Eye conditions constitute one of the more spectacular spheres of action for homoeopathy. Conventional medicine finds the eyes difficult to treat but careful selection of the correct homoeopathic remedy can achieve amazing results. Treatment of eyes is best left to the veterinarian, since close examination of the eye is essential and consequences of failure are serious.

Disorders of Eye Movement are dealt with under Nervous System p. in.

All superficial inflammation of the eye and eye area can be helped by *Calendula* lotion, or tincture diluted. Also *Euphrasia* eye lotion is a very useful preparation where symptoms indicate and is a general aid to healing of the eye and associated tissues.

Injury to eye and eye area is dealt with under Injury p. 123. Check for foreign body.

**Conjunctivitis.** A great number of remedies act on the conjunctiva but only the most useful ones will be discussed here:

Intensely red or pink conjunctiva profuse micropurulent discharge, granular conjunctivitis, with or without clouding of the cornea and photophobia (abdominal symptoms may accompany)	<i>Argent, nit.</i>
Conjunctivitis acquired by travelling with head out of car window or aggravated by cold, dry wind, eyes water profusely and patient rubs them	<i>Euphrasia</i>
Profuse lachrymation, dilated pupils, photophobia, also aggravated by cold winds	<i>Aconite</i>
After removal of foreign bodies or after operations	<i>Aconite</i>
Worse at night and worse for heat	<i>Sulphur</i>
Agglutination, photophobia, burning corrosive tears, eyes dull and sunken	<i>Arsen. alb.</i>
Bland tears, sensitive to light	<i>Allium cepa</i>
Sensitive to light, comes and goes, creamy pus, desire to rub, worse for wind	<i>Pulsatilla</i>

*Symptoms of Disease with some Recommended Treatments*

With photophobia, cloudy cornea, especially older dog, yellow sclera, no inflammation	<i>Conium mac.</i>
Lids red and inflamed, burning discharges, leaving white flakes	<i>Sanicula</i>
Granular, purulent, spreads down face	<i>Jequirity</i> <i>(Arbrus</i> <i>precatorius)</i>
Watery and itchy, worse in open air and after exercise	<i>Sabadilla</i>
With sore cheeks, itchiness, agglutination, dilated pupil, suppuration	<i>Ledum</i>
Photophobia, very injected sclera, corneal ulcer, blepharospasm	<i>Merc. sol.</i>
Worse photophobia, very constricted pupil	<i>Merc. cor.</i>
Red margins of lids, inflammation from foreign body, cold air aggravates, quivering lids, dilated pupils, morning agglutination	<i>Cole. carb.</i>
Spasm of lids, red, corrosive tears, usually lateral canthus	<i>Natrum mur.</i>
Not affected by light, insensible, cloudy	<i>Lycopodium</i>
Photophobia, rubbing, profuse lachrymation, nose waters	<i>Cobaltum</i>
From entropion or trichiasis	<i>Borax</i>
Photophobia, enlarged meibomian glands, purulent	<i>Rhus tox.</i>
Ropy pus, yellowish, itching oedema, no pain or photophobia	<i>Kali bich.</i>

*Nosodes* of Distemper or Cat 'flu, if these viruses are or have been involved, can prove very useful (or even vital) adjuncts to treatment by the appropriate similia.

***Eyelids***

**Growths.** Conventionally these are removed but it is well worth trying homoeopathic treatment first to try to prevent this eventuality. Useful remedies are:

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*Kali iod*, *Conium* (old dog syndrome), *Staphisagria* (hard lumps in margins) and especially *Thuja*.

**Inflammation.** Primarily consider *Rhus tox.*, if other mucocutaneous junctions involved consider *Nitric acid*. Most of the conjunctivitis remedies can apply here according to the similia principle (use the preceding pages as a guide). If the lids are red and painful and granulated in appearance and there is swelling of the face consider *Cinnabar is*, see also Furunculosis p. 59.

**Entropion.** *Borax* is the prime remedy here and may avert surgery. It is a long term treatment.

If gross conjunctivitis with blephorospasm *Natrum mur.*

Where inflammation of lids has caused swelling  
leading to inturned eyelids *Tellurium*

**Fissures in Eyelids.** *Graphites* or *Petroleum* are indicated but other skin signs usually guide one to the correct remedy.

**Trichiasis and Dystichiasis (misplaced, or extra eyelashes).** *Borax* is worth trying but repeated plucking is also advisable, since they are so able to damage the eye.

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