

# What to Expect on Your First Visit

We expect your visit to the Animal Eye Center of NJ to be a pleasant experience starting as you walk through the door. You will be greeted by one of our receptionists who will ask you to fill out some client information. (Our receptionists will obtain information regarding your pet when you call to make the appointment). Please bring any medications your pet is taking (eye, oral) to the first appointment. Recent blood tests or pertinent records should be faxed to the Animal Eye Center of NJ before the appointment (973-890-4876).

Once your information form is completed, one of our trained veterinary technicians will bring you into an examination room and obtain a thorough history. Initial diagnostic tests including a Schirmer tear test, applanation tonometry, and vital staining will be completed. After presenting the case to one of our board certified ophthalmologists, the ophthalmologist will then perform a complete exam. The exam will include vision testing, slit lamp examination (biomicroscopy), and indirect ophthalmoscopy. The ophthalmologist will then discuss with you the current ocular condition and make therapeutic and/or further diagnostic recommendations. Other diagnostic techniques that may be performed include gonioscopy, nasolacrimal flushing, harvesting of corneal and conjunctival cells, cytology, aqueocentesis, ocular ultrasound, electroretinography, genetic testing for inherited eye disease, and blood pressure measurement.

When your visit is completed, a technician will provide you with discharge instructions containing a diagnosis, instructions for medical therapy, and a description of the current ocular condition. The doctors at the Animal Eye Center of NJ will also send your veterinarian a referral letter the same day as your initial appointment to inform them of their findings. We strive to work with your veterinarian to provide the best comprehensive care possible.