

# Glaucoma Screening

## **What is glaucoma?**

Glaucoma is an increase in the IOP (intraocular pressure) in the eye.

IOP can be quickly measured with a hand held instrument called a tonometer.

## **Why is glaucoma screening so important??**

Glaucoma is one of the main causes of blindness in pets.

Glaucoma also leads to severe pain and other eye problems.

Early diagnosis is the only chance to prevent blindness and associated pain.

Symptoms of glaucoma are not usually present until after the damage is done.

## **Guidelines for glaucoma screening**

All dogs and cats should have a baseline tonometer reading of IOP!

IOP should be measured annually for all glaucoma predisposed breeds listed below starting when they are puppies/kittens!

IOP should be measured on ALL dogs & cats annually starting at 6 years of age!

## **Breeds with a Predisposition to Glaucoma**

Afghan	Dandie Dinmont Terrier	Samoyed
Akita	Domestic Shorthair cats	Scottish Terrier
Alaskan Malamute	English Springer Spaniel	Sealyham Terrier
Basset Hound	Giant Schnauzer	Shih Tzu
Beagle	Great Dane	Siamese cats
Border Collie	Maltese	Siberian Husky
Boston Terrier	Manchester Terrier	Smooth-coated Fox Terrier
Bouvier des Flandres	Miniature Pinscher	Tibetan Terrier
Cairn Terrier	Norfolk Terrier	Welsh Corgi
Chihuahua	Norwegian Elkhound	Welsh Springer Spaniel
Chow	Norwich Terrier	Welsh Terrier
Cocker Spaniel	Persian cats	West Highland White Terrier
Dachshund	Poodle	Whippet
Dalmatian	Saluki	Wire-Haired Fox Terrier