



INDEPENDENT SOCAL FRENCH BULLDOG RESCUE
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OCULAR DISCHARGE IN DOGS

Ocular Discharge in Dogs – Foster Guide

What is with these morning eye boogies? OCULAR DISCHARGE IN DOGS

Those morning “eye boogies” are most commonly normal **ocular discharge** that dries overnight. In French Bulldogs, a few specific causes are very common:

DON'T WORRY - Most likely (normal/benign) reasons for ocular discharge

1. Sleep discharge (rheum)
 - a) Made of tears, mucus, dead cells, and dust
 - b) Builds up overnight when blinking stops
 - c) Usually tan, clear, gray, or slightly brown
 - d) Wipes away easily with a damp cloth

This is very common in brachycephalic breeds like Frenchies due to shallow eye sockets, bulging eyes, and possible tear drainage issues.

WATCH CLOSLEY - Common reasons for ocular discharge

2. Mild irritation or allergies
 - a) Environmental allergens, dust, bedding, smoke
 - b) Often stringy or more mucus-like
 - c) May be slightly increased during allergy seasons

Again, this is very common in French Bulldogs since they are often sensitive to allergens, both internal and environmental. If your foster dog has additional allergy concerns, please contact Debra at 909-548-9657 and there are injections (Cytopoint) and oral pills (Apequel, Zenrelia, Atopica) that can be prescribed to help allergies.



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WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW WITH SLEEP DISCHARGE & COMMON REASONS FOR OCULAR DISCHARGE

- a) Clean gently once daily with:
 - I. Sterile saline, or
 - II. Warm water + soft cloth or gauze
- b) Wipe from inner corner outward
- c) Do not use human eye drops unless prescribed

CONCERNING – Text Debra at 909-548-9657 if you see these signs

- 3. Conjunctivitis or infection
 - a) Thick yellow, green, or pus-like discharge
 - b) Redness, squinting, pawing at the eye
 - c) Eyes glued shut in the morning
- 4. Dry eye (KCS – Keratoconjunctivitis Sicca)
 - a) Thick, sticky discharge that returns quickly
 - b) Dull-looking eyes
 - c) Common in French Bulldogs and often missed early
- 5. Blocked tear ducts
 - a) Chronic discharge on one or both eyes
 - b) Tear staining under the eyes