



Emergency Eye Condition – Foster Guide

What is Lens Luxation? LENS LUXATION IN DOGS

Lens luxation occurs when the tiny ligaments (zonular fibers) that hold the eye's lens in place break down, allowing the lens to move out of position.

- Partial movement → Lens Subluxation
- Complete movement → Lens Luxation

This condition is painful and can cause rapid blindness if not treated immediately.

Why It Matters

When the lens moves, it can:

- Block normal fluid drainage
- Cause sudden glaucoma
- Permanently damage the optic nerve
- Lead to loss of the eye if untreated



Anterior (forward) lens luxation is an IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY

Types of Lens Luxation

Primary Lens Luxation (PLL)

- Genetic
- Common in French Bulldogs
- Usually occurs suddenly
- Often affects both eyes over time



Secondary Lens Luxation

Caused by:

- Chronic glaucoma
- Long-term inflammation (uveitis)
- Trauma
- Advanced cataracts

Direction of Lens Movement

Anterior Lens Luxation (MOST URGENT)

- Lens moves forward
- Causes acute glaucoma
- Can blind the dog within hours

This is what
Bruno was
diagnosed with
on 12/31/25

Posterior Lens Luxation

- Lens moves backward
- Less immediately painful
- Still requires urgent veterinary care

Signs Fosters May Notice



Sudden squinting



Red or inflamed eye



Blue/white cloudy appearance



Eye looks larger or bulging



Pawing at the face



Sudden vision loss



Extreme discomfort or lethargy



If the eye looks suddenly different — assume emergency



What To Do IMMEDIATELY

1. DO NOT wait
2. Contact the rescue at once, Debra 909-548-9657
3. Do NOT apply pressure to the eye
4. Do NOT give human eye drops
5. Keep the dog calm and prevent rubbing



Time is critical — hours matter

Veterinary Treatment

May include:

- Emergency pressure-lowering eye medications
- Pain control
- Surgical lens removal (Intracapsular Lens Extraction)
- Long-term glaucoma management

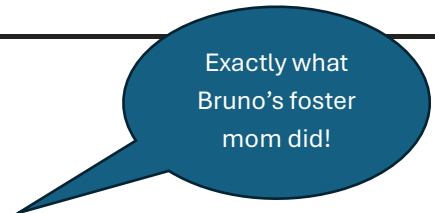
Prognosis

- Early treatment = vision may be saved
- Delayed treatment = high risk of permanent blindness or eye removal

Foster Reminder

French Bulldogs are high-risk for this condition.

If you ever think “that eye looks off” — trust your instincts and call Debra immediately.



Exactly what
Bruno's foster
mom did!