Veterinary Specialists & Emergency Services is a dedicated team of knowledgeable, caring and committed professionals who deliver the highest quality health care to our referred patients. Our staff seeks to provide the veterinary community with the best possible support using state-of-the-art diagnostics and therapies for companion animals. Every patient is treated like one of our own pets. We dedicate ourselves to work for your pet 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
What is a veterinary ophthalmologist?

Your primary veterinarian may recommend a consultation with an ophthalmologist if your pet has an ocular issue that may require surgery or if the diagnosis is proving difficult. An ophthalmologist has been trained to diagnose and manage complicated problems of the eye.

For a veterinarian to be considered a board-certified ophthalmologist, he/she must first complete several years of additional training after veterinary school, including a one year internship and three years of a residency at an accredited institution. Diplomate status is obtained by veterinarians who have successfully passed rigorous specialty boards following completion of their residency. For more information, visit the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology online at www.acvo.org

About the Ophthalmology Service

The ophthalmology team at VSES has the advanced training, equipment, and expertise to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of a variety of ophthalmological conditions.

The ophthalmology team is dedicated to providing the highest quality of care for animals with conditions of the eye. We strive to enhance your pet’s quality of life by improving its vision, as well as relieving discomfort from painful eye diseases.

With the only full time board-certified veterinary ophthalmologist in the greater Rochester area, our ophthalmology team is able to offer the highest level of care without the need for considerable travel.

Services Offered

The ophthalmology service treats all forms of eye disease in companion animals, exotic species, and horses. These treatments are available for a variety of diseases and conditions, but are not limited to:

- Cataract surgery and artificial lens implantation
- Medical and surgical treatment of corneal ulcers
- Treatment of eyelid tumors
- Medical and surgical treatment of glaucoma
- Cherry Eye correction
- Surgical correction of entropion/ectropion

Did you know?

Our ophthalmologist works with the ACVO and Stokes RX to provide free screening eye exams to service dogs during the month of May.

What to Expect During Your Visit

You and your pet will meet with our board-certified ophthalmologist who will perform a complete eye examination. The ophthalmologist will discuss the diagnosis and treatment options with you.

If further tests or treatments are needed that cannot be performed during the appointment, you may be asked to schedule another appointment with the ophthalmologist.

Preparing for Your Visit

Please make sure that your veterinarian completes a referral form with the history of the eye problem and current treatments.

If your pet is on any medications to help treat the current problem, please bring these along so the ophthalmologist has an exact understanding of what you have already been doing for the issue.

Payment Options

If your pet requires surgery or hospitalization, a deposit covering a partial cost of the care plan is required. The balance is due when your pet is discharged. VSES accepts cash, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and Care Credit. We also offer MVA Pet Care Financing, a payment plan for qualifying individuals. Please speak with one of our customer service representatives or the service coordinator to see if you qualify.

OFA Certification for Breeders

Our ophthalmologist works closely with breeders to provide a screening exam for breeding dogs. This exam is not a comprehensive ocular health exam, but does help screen for certain breed-specific issues that may present at a young age.

Getting to Know Our Veterinary Ophthalmologist

The ophthalmology service is staffed by Dr. Kent Burgesser. Dr. Burgesser is an ophthalmology specialist certified by the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO).

For more information about our ophthalmology service visit our website: www.vsesrochester.com