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## Safety Tips for Eye Protection

Regular home eye exams and being aware of potentially dangerous situations can help ensure healthy eyes and reduce the chance of injury.

Look at your pet's eyes and eyelids daily. Monitor for changes in a pet's behavior and temperament as eye problems sometimes makes pets ill-natured. Squinting, red or white eyes, watery or mucous ocular discharge, a larger eyeball or pupil all could be signs of trouble. Dogs rubbing their eyes may be a concern. If your pet has a change in vision, call your veterinarian immediately as eye health can deteriorate rapidly.

Soaps, chemicals, sprays, powders, non-eye medications are irritants. Protect the eyes to avoid exposure and risks of corneal ulcers. BEFORE bathing, apply artificial tear ointment to protect from accidental soap splashing into the eyes. If soap or dirt has gotten into the eye, RINSE, RINSE, RINSE with water or an eye irrigating solution, NOT a lubricant. Be cautious trimming hair around the eyes. Use round tip scissors or better yet, leave grooming to a professional.

Windy days and pets holding their heads outside car windows can result in drying and debris damaging or imbedding in the cornea. Imagine hanging your head out of the car window with your eyes open going 55 mph...bugs, dirt, debris-ouch! Avoid toys that can swing back and hit the eyes. NEVER direct a laser pointer towards the eyes as it can cause ocular damage.

**Presented by Dr. M-A Salisbury, Animal Eye Care, inc., 3807 Bond Place, Sarasota. 941-379-3937**

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