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Example report

CONSULTING REPORT



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PATIENT PROFILE

Patient Name	Tommy	Owner Name	Black	Gender	Male Neutered
Species	Cat	Breed	Persian	Age	2y 8mo

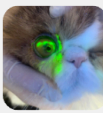
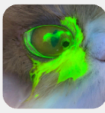

Clinical history:

3 months ago Tommy presented with a 5 x 3 mm corneal ulcer. It has been treated with topical chloramphenicol for a week. At the initial recheck the ulcer and region of fluorescein uptake was reducing in size and almost fully resolved. The patient then re-presented several weeks later, quiet and withdrawn.


Clinical questions to be answered:

- Does this cat have a corneal sequestrum? And if so, what has caused it?
- What is the prognosis for the eye?

Attachments:



WRITTEN SPECIALIST ADVICE



Hi! I'm **Dr. Marian Matas**, a diploma holder in ophthalmology. Let me review the case history and images and send over my recommendations.

Am I right in thinking this cat now has a corneal sequestrum?

Yes, you are absolutely right. This pigmented dark round lesion on the corneal surface is a corneal sequestrum.

Causes of corneal sequestrum

We do not know for certain what causes these. We suspect that any corneal injury in cats can cause the development of a corneal sequestrum, especially if the injury leads to chronic corneal ulceration. Persians are over-represented and this is probably because their shallow orbit, prominent globe and relatively reduced blink predisposes the cornea to ulceration. A sequestrum forms when part of the exposed corneal stroma becomes necrotic and subsequently pigments, leading to the characteristic 'black spot' which is diagnostic for a corneal sequestrum. Corneal sequestra are usually painful and, although in some cases they may slough naturally, this process can take months and may lead to complications including severe keratitis, corneal rupture, and chronic discomfort. Surgical options (keratectomy with or without grafting) are often the treatment of choice and. If this is a possibility for the owner I would suggest that your next step is to recommend a consultation with a veterinary ophthalmologist who can perform these procedures.

Prognosis

The prognosis for corneal sequestrum is good, with published surgical success rates >80%. The referral centre will discuss this with the owner during their appointment. In the uncommon event of sequestrum recurrence then a second surgery might be required. In the longer term, and in predisposed cats, regular use of eye lubricants may be advised in order to lubricate and protect the corneal surface and reduce the risk of recurrence.

We hope you find the summary of our advice helpful to support your management of this case. If you have any further questions or updates, contact us, you can add these via the consult chat on the platform/app.

With kind regards,

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