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Advanced Ophthalmology Care for Pets Now Available at Burlington Emergency & Veterinary Specialists in Williston, Vermont

October 24, 2023 - Williston, VT – The team at [Burlington Emergency & Veterinary Specialists](#) (BEVS) is proud to announce the opening of a new service dedicated to providing advanced eye care for pets.

Veterinary ophthalmology is a division of veterinary medicine focused on the structure, function, and diseases of the eye of all animal species. BEVS' Ophthalmology Department provides a full array of leading-edge diagnostics, and advanced medical and surgical treatments to preserve and restore vision in dogs and cats.

From routine eye problems to complex ophthalmic diseases and traumatic eye injuries, the Ophthalmology Department offers personalized care for a wide range of conditions that affect an animal's vision, including:

- Cataract surgery with intraocular lens (IOL) implantation
- Chemical ablation
- Corneal grafting surgery
- Distichia & ectopic cilia cryotreatment
- Enucleation
- Exenteration
- Eyelid and corneal laceration repair
- Glaucoma treatment - endolaser, transcleral laser, ahmed shunt placement
- Lensectomy for anterior lens luxation
- Parotid duct transposition / dry eye surgery
- Reconstructive eyelid surgery / blepharoplasty
- Third eyelid membrane surgery

"We are thrilled to welcome board-certified veterinary ophthalmologists Sarah Hoy, DVM, MS, DACVO, Courtenay Brines, DVM, MS, DACVO, and their team to our hospital," said BEVS Director of Hospital Operations, Whitney Durivage, MBA, CVPM. "Adding this expertise reinforces BEVS' commitment to maintaining its position as the leader in specialty and emergency care throughout the great state of Vermont. With this integration, we will be better equipped than ever to provide the highest level of care and expertise to our patients and their families."

Pet parents should seek care from a veterinary ophthalmologist when these symptoms appear in their pet:

- Bumping into things (may indicate vision loss)
- Cloudiness to the eye
- Eye color change
- Eye swelling
- Holding their eye closed
- Injury
- Mucus discharge
- Redness
- Squinting
- Tearing/weeping
- Trauma
- Vision behavior change
- Any other change in appearance of the eye(s)

Ophthalmic care for pets at BEVS is available by appointment Monday-Friday 8:00 am-5:00 pm. To schedule, call [802-863-2387](tel:802-863-2387). No referral from a primary care veterinarian is necessary, but is always appreciated. Owners with pets experiencing an eye emergency are asked to call if possible before coming to BEVS' Emergency Department (open 24/7).

About Burlington Emergency & Veterinary Specialists

Since 1999, BEVS, located at 1417 Marshall Ave., Williston, Vermont, has had a unique and rich history of caring for the companion animals of the Champlain Valley. It has evolved from a part-time ER service to today's advanced care facility offering 24/7 emergency services and advanced care in dentistry, exotics, internal medicine, ophthalmology, rehabilitation, and surgery, among others. The team at BEVS proudly partners with primary care veterinarians throughout upper New England when emergency or specialty care is needed. It is the only 24/7 veterinary emergency and specialty hospital in the state. To learn more, visit bevsvt.com.

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