



PRIMROSE HILL
Veterinary Hospital

Veterinary Ophthalmology Referral Brochure

Specialised eye care for your patients.



Meet our Ophthalmology Team

At Primrose Hill Veterinary Hospital, we understand the importance of timely and expert care for your patients with ophthalmic concerns. Our dedicated Ophthalmology team is committed to providing comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services. When you refer your clients to us, you can trust their pets will receive the highest standard of care.



Mike Woods *MVB Cert V Ophthal MRCVS*

Graduating from University College Dublin in 1984, Mike spent seven years in mixed veterinary practice and three years in companion animal practice in both Ireland and the UK. In 1990, he completed a Certificate in Veterinary Ophthalmology. He then returned to Primrose Hill in 1994.



Eimear Duffy *MVB Cert V GP Ophthal MRCVS*

Eimear graduated from University College Dublin in 2016. She then went on to work in small animal practice where she developed her surgical skills and a special interest in ophthalmology. She joined the Ophthalmology team at Primrose Hill in 2020.



Niamh Fahy *Ophthalmology Trainee DVM MRCVS*

Niamh graduated from Warsaw Veterinary College in 2019. She then went on to work in small animal practice where she developed an interest in ophthalmology and continued on to do an ophthalmology certificate. Niamh joined Primrose Hill's ophthalmology team in 2023.



Thomas Large *BVMedSci BVM BVS MRCVS*

Tom graduated from the University of Nottingham. After two years in general practice, he completed a rotating residency at Dick White Referrals and then a European College of Veterinary Ophthalmology (ECVO) residency programme. During his residency, Tom published two papers in 'Veterinary Ophthalmology' and presented his research at the 2021 ECVO congress.





What can I Expect if my Client is Referred to an Ophthalmic Specialist?

The starting point for each patient referred to Primrose Hill is a full consultation and discussion with the owner. The routine ophthalmic examinations and further diagnostic techniques that can be performed include:

- **Schirmer tear test readings**
- **Slit-lamp biomicroscopy and tonometry (rebound or applanation)**
- **Close and distant direct ophthalmoscopy**
- **Indirect ophthalmoscopy**
- **Gonioscopy**
- **Advanced diagnostic techniques i.e. ocular ultrasonography and electroretinography**

What are the most common ophthalmic conditions?

Our Ophthalmologists have a broad range of interests in both medical and surgical eye conditions including:

- **Eyelid disorders and reconstructive lid surgery**
- **Glaucoma management**
- **Investigation and treatment of ocular inflammatory disease**
- **Sudden onset blindness/SARDS (Sudden Acquired Retinal Degeneration Syndrome)**
- **Corneal sequestrum and corneal grafting procedures for the management of corneal ulcers and other disorders of the cornea.**

Our team also have an interest in lens luxation and cataract surgery in dogs.



Key referral information

Diabetic Cataracts

We recommend sending these patients to us sooner rather than later. Don't worry about waiting until the diabetes has stabilised. The sooner they are seen the higher the success rate is of surgery.

Corneal Ulcers - when to refer.

An ulcer that hasn't healed in 7 days or responded at all to medication. An ulcer in a patient with complications e.g., diabetes, dry eye or a brachycephalic (These patients tend to be extremely poor healers and often require surgical assistance). **If an ulcer can be seen without using fluorescein stain, then this ulcer is most likely too deep to benefit from a keratectomy and will likely require a corneal graft.**

Did you know?

Entropion and cherry eye surgery should be carried out using 6/0 vicryl to reduce the chance of damaging the cornea and potentially causing a corneal ulcer.



How to refer to Primrose Hill...

1

Send a history to reception@primrosehillvets.ie

2

Advise the client to call us on **01280 3303**

3

We will arrange a consultation directly with them and will send a report back to you.

We are very quick to respond to referrals and have slots available for urgent cases. By referring patients to our practice at the appropriate time, we can work together to ensure they receive the care they need. We are committed to providing the highest quality of care to all our patients, and we appreciate your partnership in achieving this goal.





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