



# Young Boston Terrier

*Boston Terriers are a highly intelligent, gentle and well-mannered breed. You should also know they can be predisposed to the following ailments. Examinations twice a year and routine diagnostics to catch problems early, when they are easiest to treat, are recommended for the life of your dog.*

## Keratoconjunctivitis Sicca (KCS)

### Description

KCS is an inflammatory disease of the eye where the tear glands no longer produce enough tears to keep the eyes moist. This can progress to excessive discharge, dry eyes, and recurrent eye infections.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** starting at age 2, an annual Schirmer Tear Test to determine tear production.

### Why Needed

**KCS can contribute to:**

- Pain
- Eye infection
- Eye ulcers
- Vision loss

## Mast Cell Tumors

### Description

Normal mast cells help your dog respond to inflammation and allergies. When they rapidly reproduce and become cancerous they produce lumps and can spread throughout the body. They can release normally safe chemicals in large doses that become dangerous. Early detection is vital as surgical removal can often cure the cancer.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** comprehensive physical examinations twice a year. Also, fine needle aspirates of all masses or lumps to examine the cells.

### Why Needed

**Mast cell tumors can contribute to:**

- Gastric ulcers
- Internal bleeding
- Allergic type reactions
- Death

## Glaucoma

### Description

Glaucoma is a very painful condition in which fluid in the eye cannot drain as fast as it is being produced, leading to excessive pressure. The pressure crushes the lining of the retina.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** comprehensive exams twice a year, intraocular pressure check.

### Why Needed

**Glaucoma can contribute to:**

- Extreme pain
- Squinting
- Watery, irritated eyes
- Swollen or bulging eyes
- Blindness

## Optimum Wellness Plans® and Boston Terriers

### Included in the Essential Wellness Plan

- Intraocular pressure check\*
- Ophthalmic examinations twice a year\*

\*Part of the comprehensive examination

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