🡪 Information

Entropion is a inward rolling of the eyelid. It is quite a common congenital defect in sheep and goats, most commonly affecting the lower eyelid. The hairs of the eyelid irritate the corneal surface, causing the eye to run and for staining to appear down the cheek. This is often the first sign which is noted by the keeper.

🡪 Clinical Signs

Entropion is a situation where the eyelid(s) are turned in (inversion), causing irritation and abrasions to the surface (cornea) of the eye. This causes severe tearing (lacrimation) and usually occurs in young animals within the first week to 1-2 weeks of life. Generally, the most common location of this condition is found on the lower eyelid. Either one (unilateral entropion) or both (bilateral entropion) eyes may be involved with this condition. If uncorrected, the inverted eyelids damage the cornea of the eye and cause ulceration, cloudiness of the cornea, and sometimes blindness.

Ectropion is another, less common, eyelid problem. This is a condition where the lower (and sometimes the upper) eyelid is turned outward and becomes a pouch or pocket for debris that can also damage the cornea and eye.

🡪 Diagnosis

Diagnosis is made by closely examining the eyelids of all animals at [docking](http://infovets.com/books/smrm/K/VetG.htm#D), castration, or [tagging](http://infovets.com/books/smrm/K/VetG.htm#Creep) time. Any animals that have tearing (lacrimation) that soils the hair on the side of the face should be closely examined. If there is any evidence of the lashes of the eyelids contacting the surface of the eye, the animal has entropion.