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Dear Mike,

My 14-year-old male English pointer, Grit, had been getting progressively more and more blind for several years due to developing cataracts. Both eyes were, to my naked eye, quite opaque, with appearance like that of a white cloud. During a January, 2006 routine physical exam, I remarked about it to my veterinarian, Dr. Ashley Mazza. She recommended we try OcluVet drops. I was skeptical that any drops applied to the surface of the eye could possibly reduce the opacity of the lens, but figured there was nothing to lose except for the considerable expense of the medication. I applied one drop to each eye three times per day for 56 days as per the instructions with the product. After 56 days, I could see no change in the appearance of the eyes, but she advised continuing for another month. So I purchased another 15-ml. supply and pressed on.

After another 2 weeks, I observed none of the previously described opacity-- the eyes seemed to my naked eye to be completely clear. Dr. Mazza then examined him. She agreed that it looks better and she can now see the retina, but was uncertain just how much improvement there is. Since the dog declines to read eye charts, it's difficult to draw objective conclusions, but my wife feels that he is much more active and "happy". It's clear he still has visual impairment as he doesn't seem to know where to turn when reaching a landing on a staircase, but I'm hopeful his vision is somewhat better. I'm continuing to apply one drop to each eye daily.

Yours truly,
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