The Study
We are comparing two methods of local anesthesia and their efficacy on pain control following enucleation.

Who Qualifies
We are currently enrolling dogs who need a unilateral enucleation for any reason. Dogs with chronic pain conditions such as osteoarthritis or dogs receiving chronic (longer than two weeks) NSAID’s or gabapentin do not qualify. Dogs must have temperaments amenable to frequent handling for pain scores.

What Happens
Dogs will be randomly assigned to a group that either receives a retrobulbar injection of bupivacaine or an intra-incisional injection of liposomal bupivacaine under general anesthesia. Dogs will need to stay in the hospital for 24 hours after surgery and be handled regularly to be evaluated for pain control. Dogs appreciated to be painful will be given appropriate medications.

Why Participate
In addition to helping further the study of ophthalmology, participants will receive $200 off their dog’s surgery. Additionally, patients will be worked in earlier than first available appointments without a financial penalty.

More Information
For more information regarding this study, please contact UW Ophthalmology at 608-263-7600 or Amy Elbe, CVT, LAT, at clinicalstudies@vetmed.wisc.edu or 608-890-3484.