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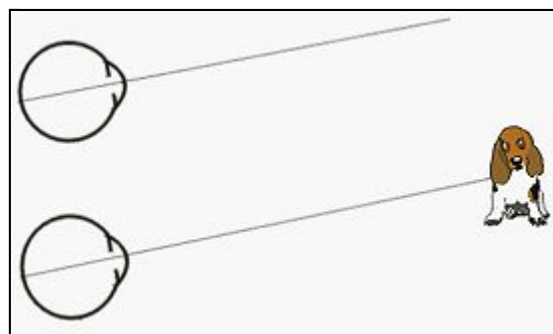
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## What is Strabismus?

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## What is Exotropia?

Exotropia -- a common type of strabismus -- is the outward deviation of an eye (away from the nose). The deviation or eye turn may occur while fixating (looking at) distance objects, near objects or both.

When the eye turns outward at all distances and at all times, it is called **constant exotropia**. When the eye turns outward only sometimes, it is called **intermittent exotropia** or **alternating exotropia**. When BOTH eyes turn outward or fail to converge normally (turn inward to see), this is called [Convergence Insufficiency](#) and/or [Exophoria](#).

## Sometimes, There's Good News *Intermittent Exotropia*

**Most exotropia is intermittent** and this means that the outward eye deviation or eye turn **occurs only some of the time**. Find out why that is good news, see photos and learn all about [successful diagnosis and treatment of Intermittent Exotropia](#).

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