



Dental Report Card

Pets Have Teeth Too!

Date: _____ Patient: _____



NICE JOB! No sign of plaque or calculus.

Home dental care is needed to maintain these healthy teeth and gums. Brushing your pet's teeth is ideal, along with an annual dental vaccine and proper diet. Products are also available to help make home dental care easier for you.



STAGE 1 – Mild gingivitis:

The margin of attached gums is inflamed and swollen. Plaque and tartar are present. Home dental care is needed. Dental cleaning is needed **within the next month** to remove plaque buildup and prevent progression of dental disease.



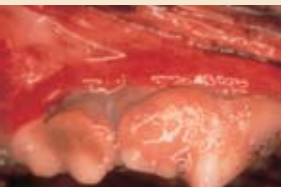
STAGE 2 – Moderate gingivitis:

The entire gum is inflamed and swollen. The mouth is painful and odor is noticeable; tooth roots have lost up to 25% of their attachment. Bacteria begin to impact other body organs. Dental cleaning is needed **as soon as possible**, followed by a calculus control diet, dental vaccine is recommended and home dental care to prevent future tooth loss and pain.



STAGE 3 – Severe gingivitis:

The gums are cherry red and bleeding, damaged by infection and calculus. A sore mouth and bad breath are evident. Heart valves and kidneys are exposed to bacteria & may be experiencing inflammation & damage. Dental cleaning is needed **immediately** to remove calculus, along with antibiotics and pain medications. Extractions are likely. Dental vaccine and home dental care will be discussed in detail.



STAGE 4 – End stage periodontal disease:

Chronic infection is destroying the gums, teeth and bone. Many teeth are loose. Bacteria are spreading through the body and heart, liver and kidneys are compromised. Pain is constant. Dental cleaning is needed **immediately** to remove calculus. Extractions, antibiotics, and pain medications will be necessary.

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COMMENTS:



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Neck Lesion Present: There is a cavity-like lesion in at least one tooth. This "hole" will get larger and larger until the tooth breaks, causing more and more pain. This disease process cannot be medically stopped. **Extraction of the tooth needs to be scheduled to stop your cat's pain.** Neck lesions are not always detected until your cat is under anesthesia. They may be present at any dental stage.

