

**Pets Have  
Teeth Too!**



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# Dental Report Card

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**When was the last time you looked in your pet's mouth?** Pets often go for months and even years with painful gingivitis, fractured teeth or severe tooth root abscesses without noticeable clinical signs to the owner. Proper dental care can potentially add years of life and happiness to your pet.



### NICE JOB!

No sign of plaque or tartar. Brushing your pet's teeth regularly is ideal.

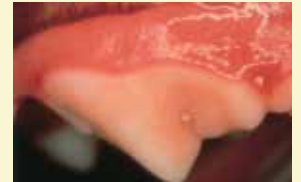
Home dental care is needed to maintain these healthy teeth and gums. There are products available to help make home dental care easier and hassle free.



### STAGE 1 – Mild gingivitis: *(reversible stage)*

The margin of attached gum is inflamed and swollen. Plaque can be seen on the teeth.

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: *(reversible stage)*

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 to remove calculus is needed **as soon as possible**. A calculus control diet and home dental care are needed afterward for prevention.



### STAGE 3 – Severe gingivitis: *(potentially reversible stage)*

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.

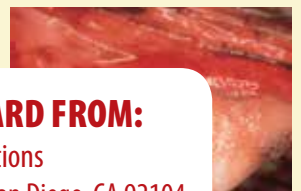
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### STAGE 4 – End stage periodontal disease: *(irreversible stage)*

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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.

