

# PET DENTAL REPORT CARD

pet's name \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_



dental photos courtesy of:  
Dr. Jan Bellows

## ☐ 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. There are also products available to help make home dental care easier.



reversible stage

## ☐ STAGE 1 – Mild gingivitis:

The margin of attached gum is inflamed and swollen. Plaque covers the teeth. Home dental care is needed. Dental cleaning is needed **within the next 3 to 6 months** to remove current plaque buildup.



reversible stage

## ☐ STAGE 2 – Moderate gingivitis:

The entire gum is inflamed and swollen. The mouth is painful and odor is noticeable. Dental cleaning to remove calculus is needed **within the next month**. Home dental care is needed afterward for prevention.



potentially reversible stage

## ☐ STAGE 3 – Severe gingivitis:

The gums are cherry red and bleeding – they are damaged by infection and calculus. A sore mouth and bad breath are evident. Dental cleaning to remove calculus is needed **immediately**. Home dental care is needed and regular cleaning may be required to prevent further damage.



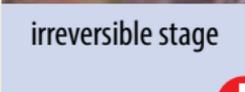
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## ☐ STAGE 4

Chronic infection of the teeth and bone through the root canal may damage the pulp. Dental cleaning is needed **immediately**. Some teeth may need extraction. Home dental care afterward is necessary for future prevention.



irreversible stage

## ☐ FELINE RESORPTIVE 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.



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# How Your Veterinarian Cleans Your Pet's Teeth



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

- 1. Pre-anesthetic Blood Work:** This is a blood test that detects major organ and metabolic abnormalities that may complicate the anesthetic procedure.
- 2. Anesthetic Monitoring:** This includes monitoring of the heart, respiration and blood pressure.
- 3. Anesthesia:** Inhalant gas anesthesia provides a safe and comfortable dental cleaning.
- 4. Dental Scaling:** The process that removes the calculus and plaque from the tooth surface and below the gum line.
- 5. Dental Polishing:** Necessary for finishing the scaling and cleaning process. Provides a smooth tooth surface after scaling and dental procedures. Reduces reattachment of plaque-causing bacteria.
- 6. Pain Management:** Based on the needs of your pet and the procedure done.
- 7. Extractions:** The health of each tooth is individually assessed, and any tooth that is diseased should be extracted.
- 8. Antibiotics:** If there is significant periodontal disease, antibiotics will be administered.

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These include such products as Dental Chews, Dental Oral Rinse, Toothbrush Kits and CET Toothpaste.

