# PRACTICAL VETERINARY DENTISTRY

CARING FOR THE UNSEEN PROBLEMS BEHIND THE LIPS

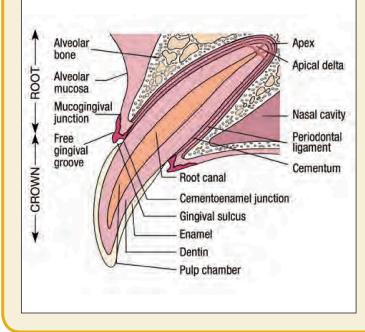
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### WHY DOES DENTISTRY MATTER?

- Chronic infection: Heart, Liver, Kidney, Bladder, Immune issues, Life expectancy
- Chronic Pain: Drooling, difficulty chewing, anorexia, loss of weight and muscle mass
- Tooth loss
- Owner relationship with their pet: Inactivity, less interaction with the family, "push away" due to bad breath

### DENTAL ANATOMY REVIEW



#### **TOOTH ANATOMY**

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- **Dentin**: The central layer, which is the vast majority of the tooth structure in mature patients, is dentin. Dentin has roughly the same mineral content as bone. It has a nervous supply and responds to stresses. Running at right angles to the root canal are dentinal tubules. Each dentinal tubule contains an odontoblastic process, which is basically a nervous supply that is limited to sensory function and can only report changes as pain.

### GINGIVAL SULCUS

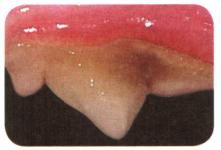
- This is the essence of veterinary dentistry
- Chronic state of disease inevitable
- Bacterial invasion vs host defenses
- Normal flora includes anaerobic bacteria
- Depth for dogs 2-3 mm, Cats < 1-2 mm
- When overwhelming infection, host defenses retreat
- Initially leading to deepening of sulcus
- Ultimately irreversible recession of alveolar bone

#### DENTAL DISEASE.. WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

• There are four levels of periodontal disease. In order to meet the needs of each stage a standard of care has been developed for each level.

#### **Stages of Periodontal Disease**

70% of cats show signs of oral disease by age three\*



Grade 1: Gingivitis



Grade 2: Early periodontal disease



Grade 3: Established periodontal disease



Grade 4: Advanced periodontal disease

#### **Classes of Feline Odontoclastic Resorption Lesions (FORL)**

FORL is the most common cause of tooth loss in cats\*\* These lesions frequently begin below the gum line, so owners don't know there's a problem until teeth are seriously damaged



Class 2



Class 3



Class 4



Class 5

\*American Veterinary Medical Association website. www.avma.org. \*\*Nash, Holly DVM. Dental Resorption Lesions. www.peteducation.com. Dental images provided by Jan Bellows, DVM, Diplomate American Veterinary Dental College.

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#### **Stages of Periodontal Disease**

More than 80% of dogs show signs of gum disease by age three\* Periodontal disease has been linked to heart, kidney and liver problems in dogs\*\*



Grade 1: Gingivitis



Grade 2: *Early* periodontal disease



Grade 3: Established periodontal disease



Grade 4: Advanced periodontal disease

#### **Types of Fractures**

#### Dogs commonly fracture teeth chewing on cage doors, chain-link fences and hard toys



Enamel infraction



Enamel fracture



Uncomplicated crown fracture



Complicated crown fracture



Uncomplicated crown-root fracture



Complicated crown-root fracture



Root fracture

\*American Veterinary Medical Association website. www.avma.org. \*\*DeBowes, LJ, et. al. Association of periodontal disease and histologic lesions in multiple

organs from 45 dogs. Department of Clinical Sciences, Kansas State University. *Journal of Veterinary Dentistry*. 1996 Jun;13(2):57-60.

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- There is a mild to moderate amount of plaque and calculus deposited above the gum line. Early gingivitis is present.
- There is no attachment or bone loss and there is minimal increase in sulcus (gum pocket) depth.
- This stage is <u>reversible</u> after calculus removal.







- gum margins AND the attached gum is inflamed, swollen, and may bleed when touched
- No sign of gum recession yet
- Teeth have a darker, thicker film called calculus or tartar
- May also be soreness of the mouth, and bad breath (halitosis)
- Owner may be offended by
  - "Doggy Breath"
  - "Mouse Mouth"







- Cherry red and bleeding attached gum being destroyed by infection and calculus
- Sore mouth affects eating and behaviour and bad breath is present.
- <u>Irreversible</u> symptoms such as attachment loss is beginning



Grade 3: Established periodontal disease



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- Cherry red and bleeding attached gum AND bone being destroyed by infection and calculus
- Sore mouth affects eating and behaviour and bad breath present
- <u>Irreversible</u> symptoms of attachment loss are evident
- Multiple extractions are usually required



Grade 4: Advanced periodontal disease











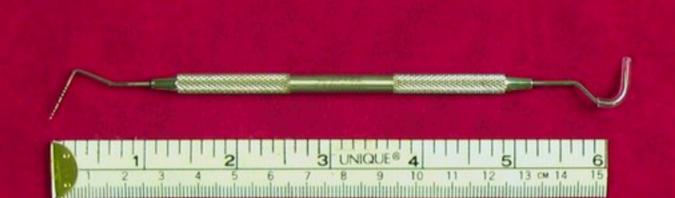
# What's your diagnosis?

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# Must probe to see if there is recession!

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## DENTAL EXPLORER



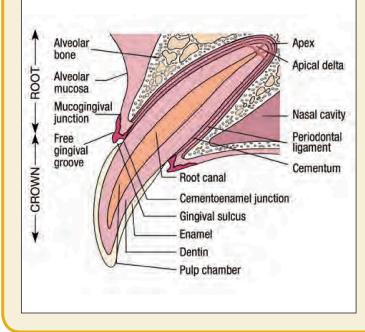
## OTHER FINDINGS

- Retained Deciduous
- Malocclusions
- Deformed Teeth
- Fractures
- Abscesses
- Non-Vital Teeth
- Tumours/Cysts
- Foreign Body
- Caries
- Resorbtive Lesions
- Gingival Hyperplasia/Stomatitis
- Viral Disease

## RETAINED DECIDUOUS



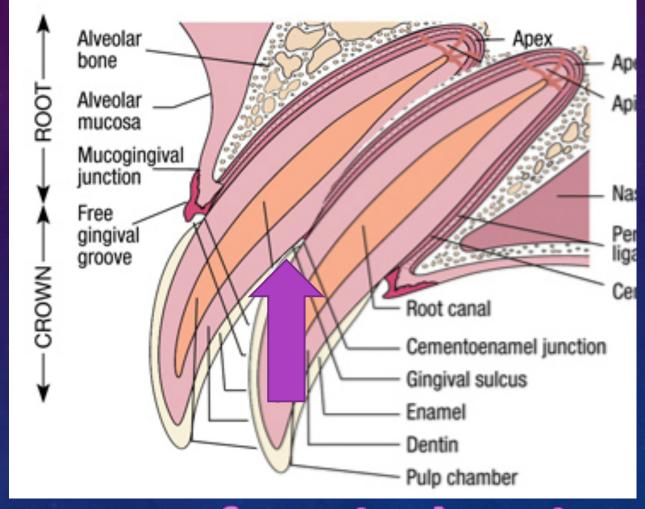
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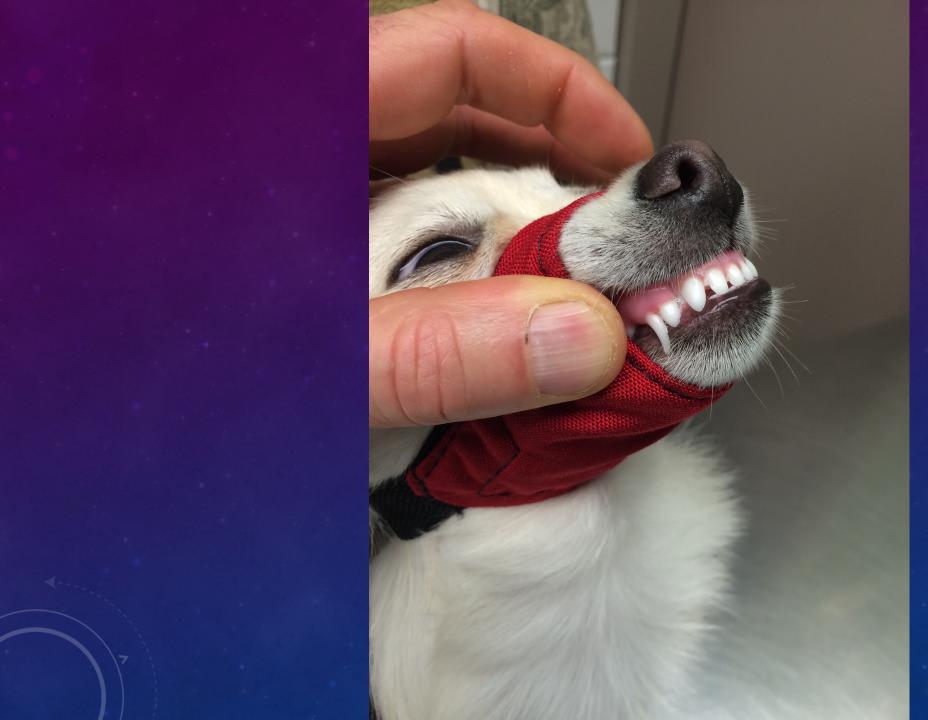
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# **Absence of Periodontium!!**





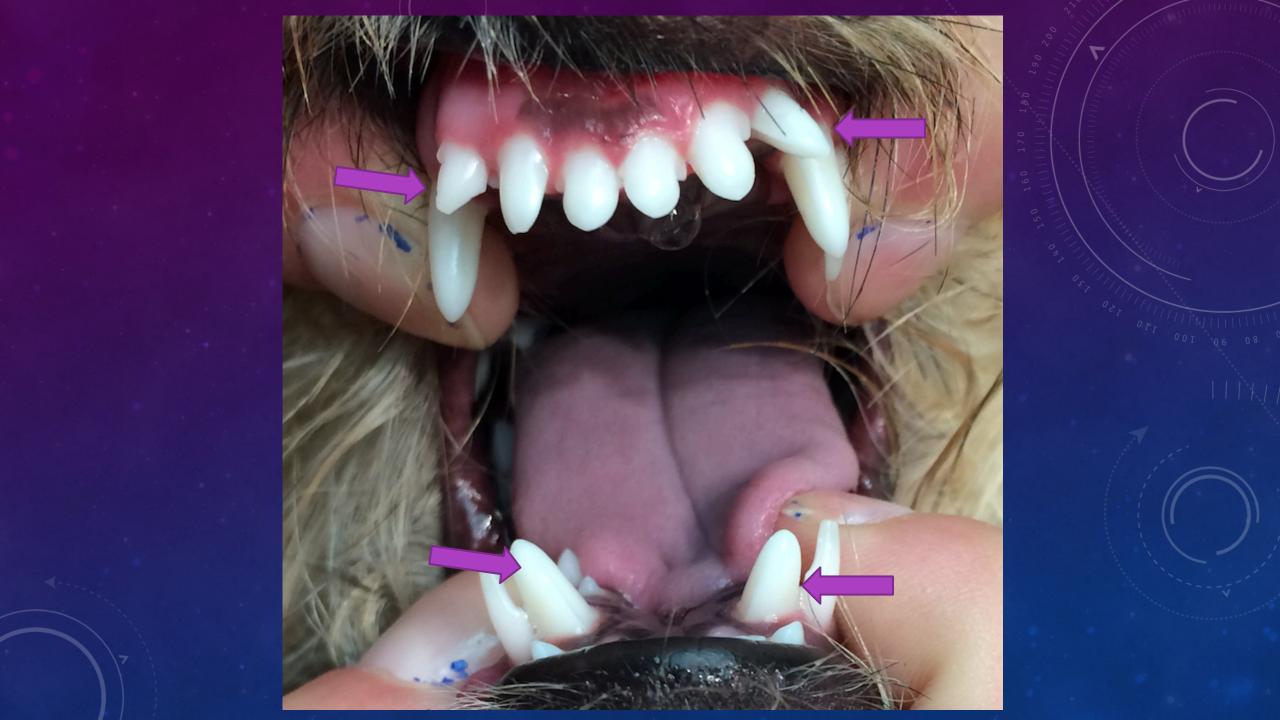
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### CONSEQUENCES

- Base Narrow Canine teeth
- Apical Abscesses
- Periodontal disease of Adult tooth
- Nidus of Bacterial infection may spread to entire mouth











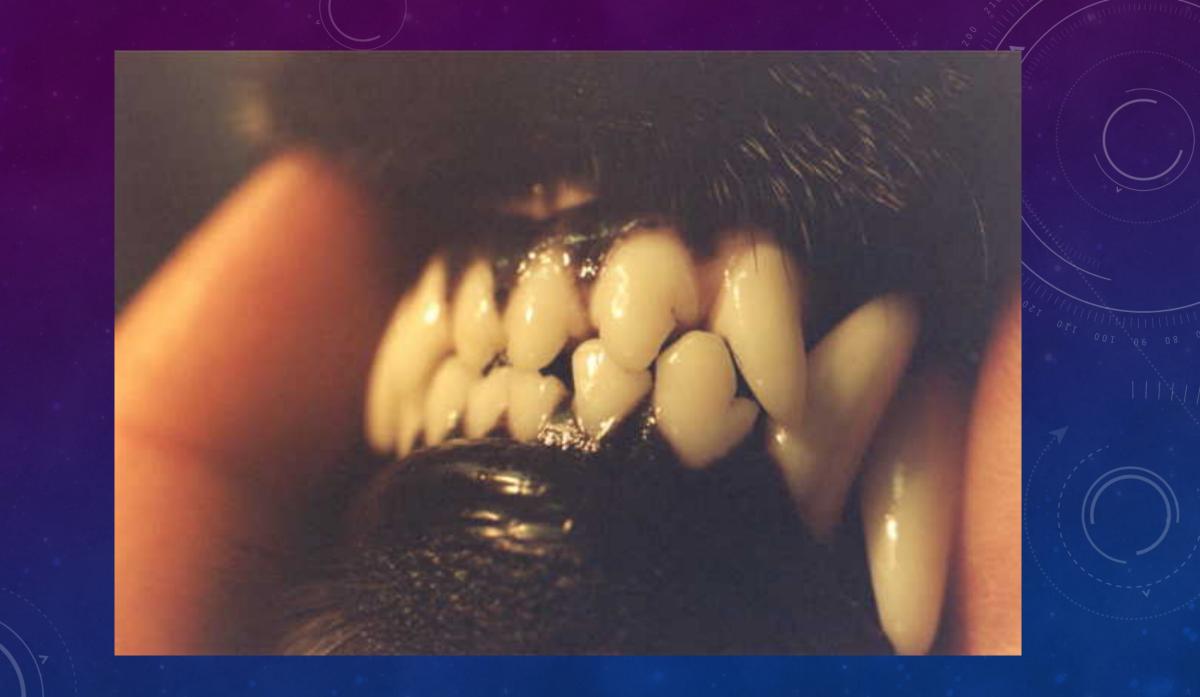






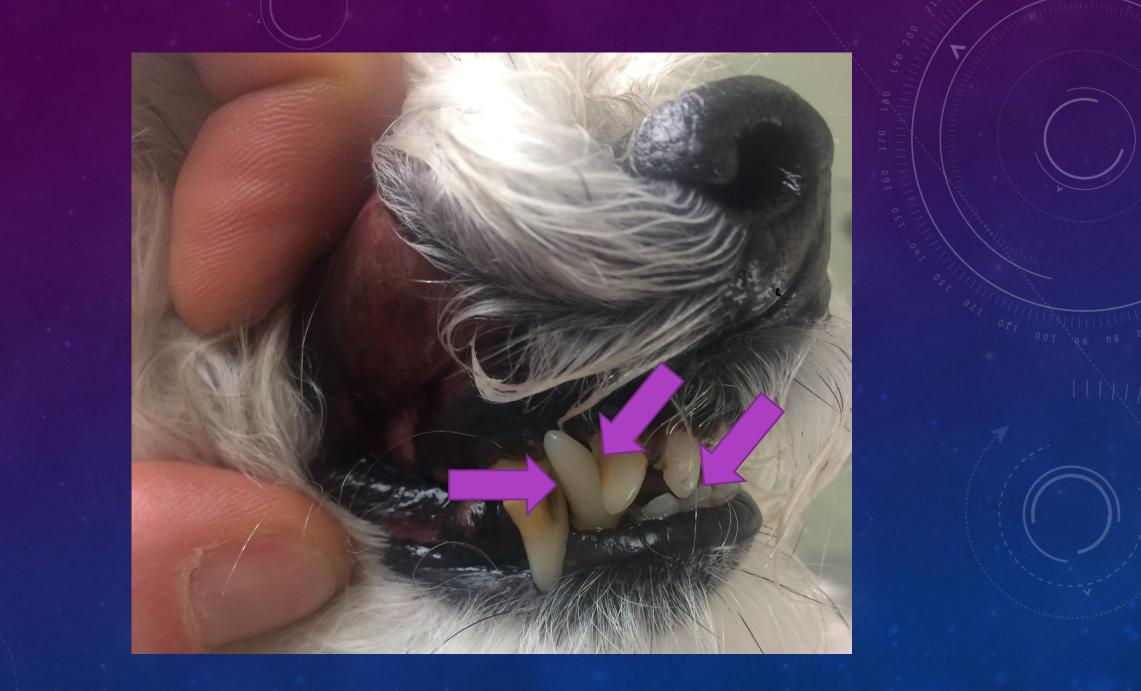
## MALOCCLUSIONS









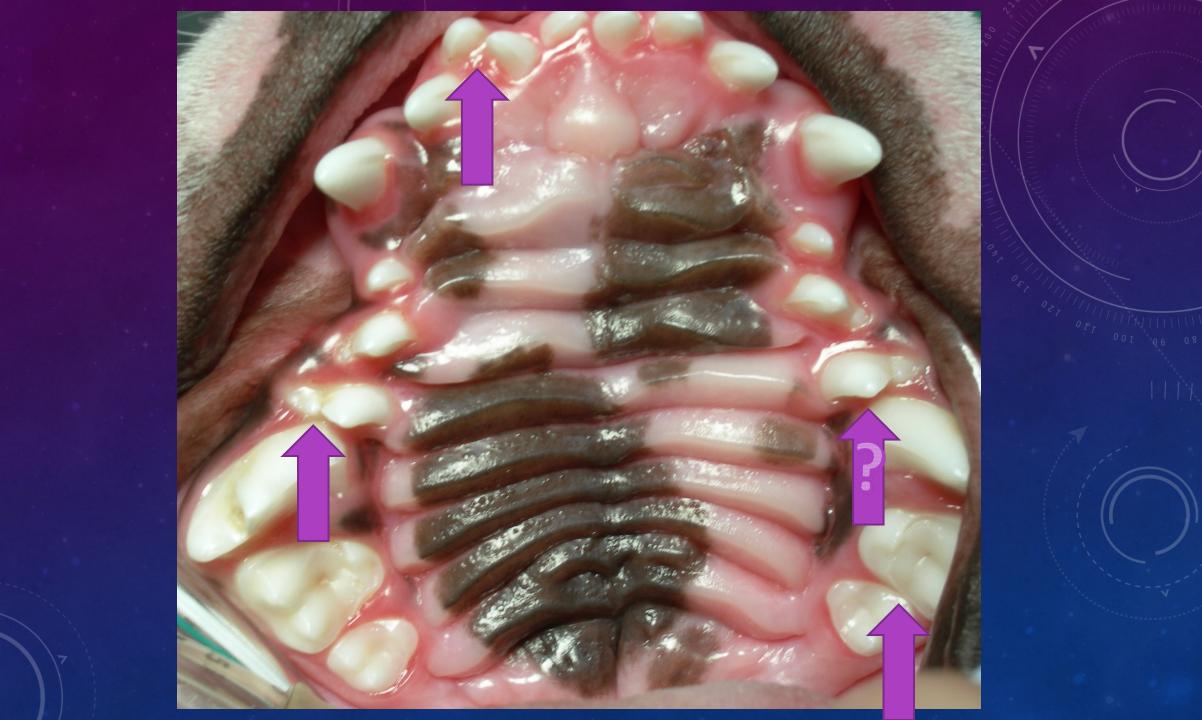


















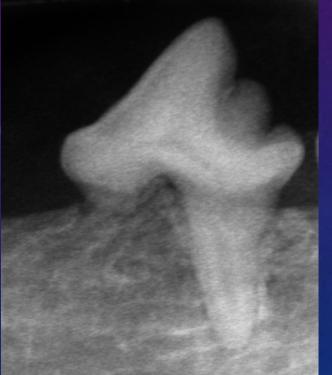






## DEFORMED TEETH







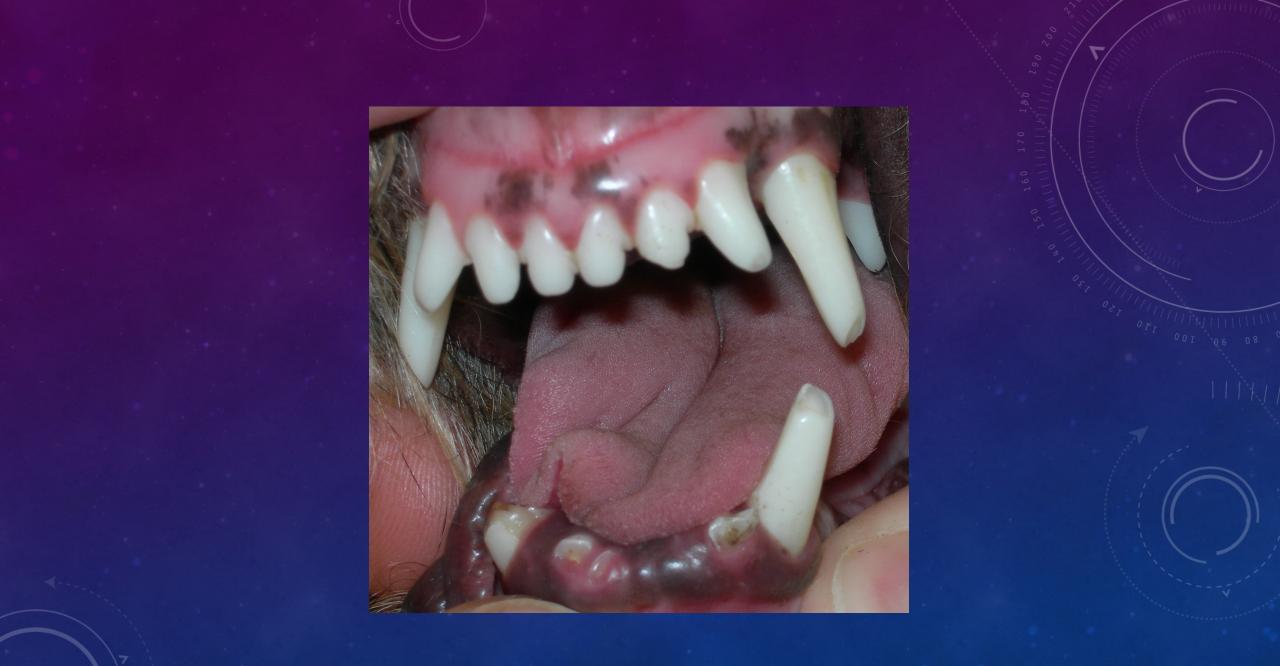




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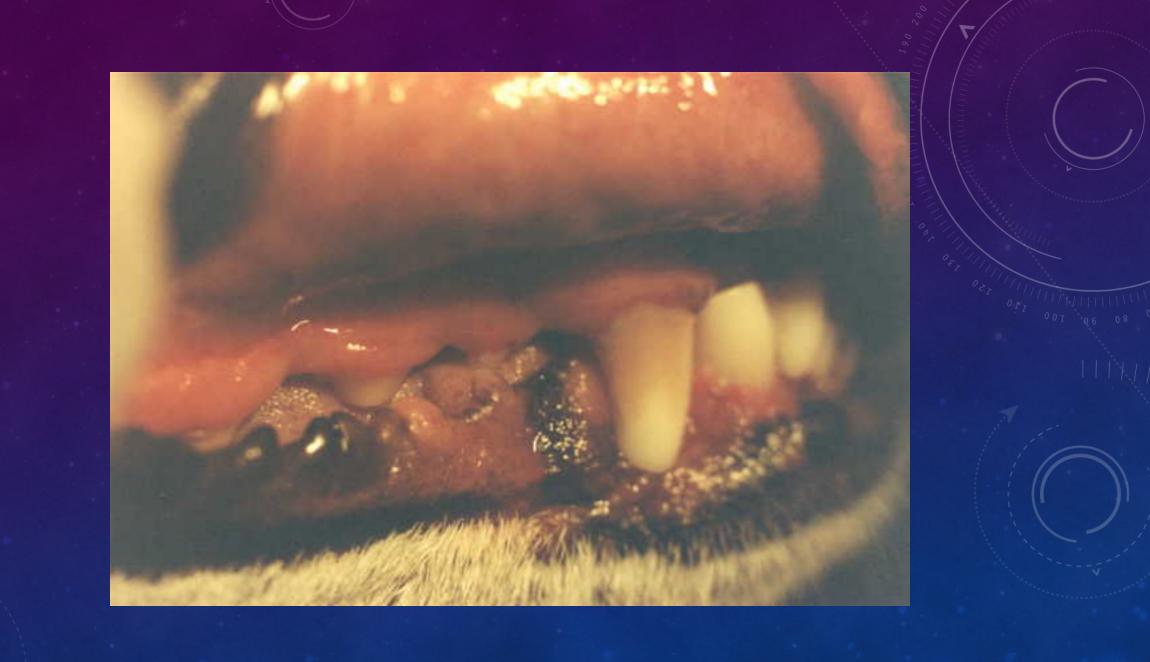
























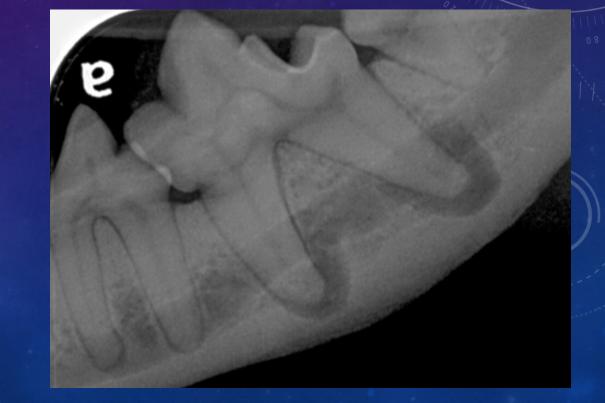


# ABSCESSES



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# NON – VITAL TEETH

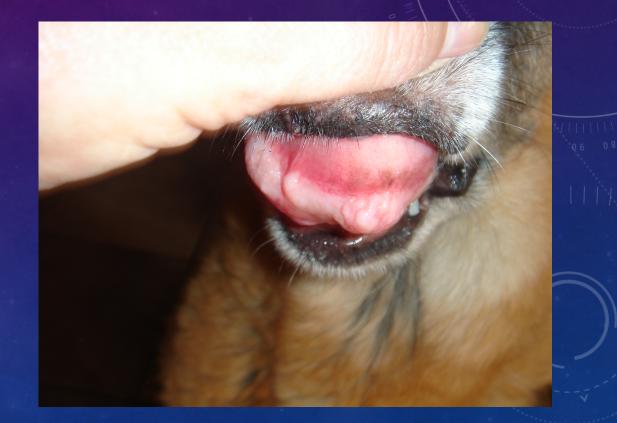




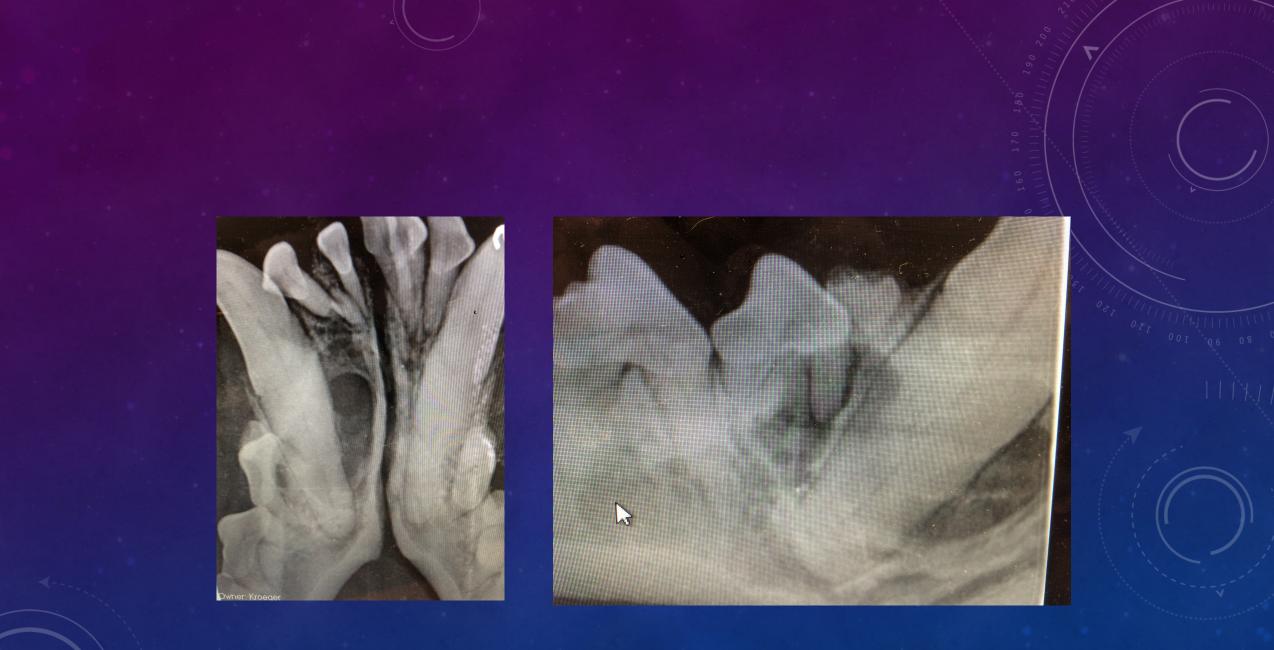


# TUMOURS / CYSTS



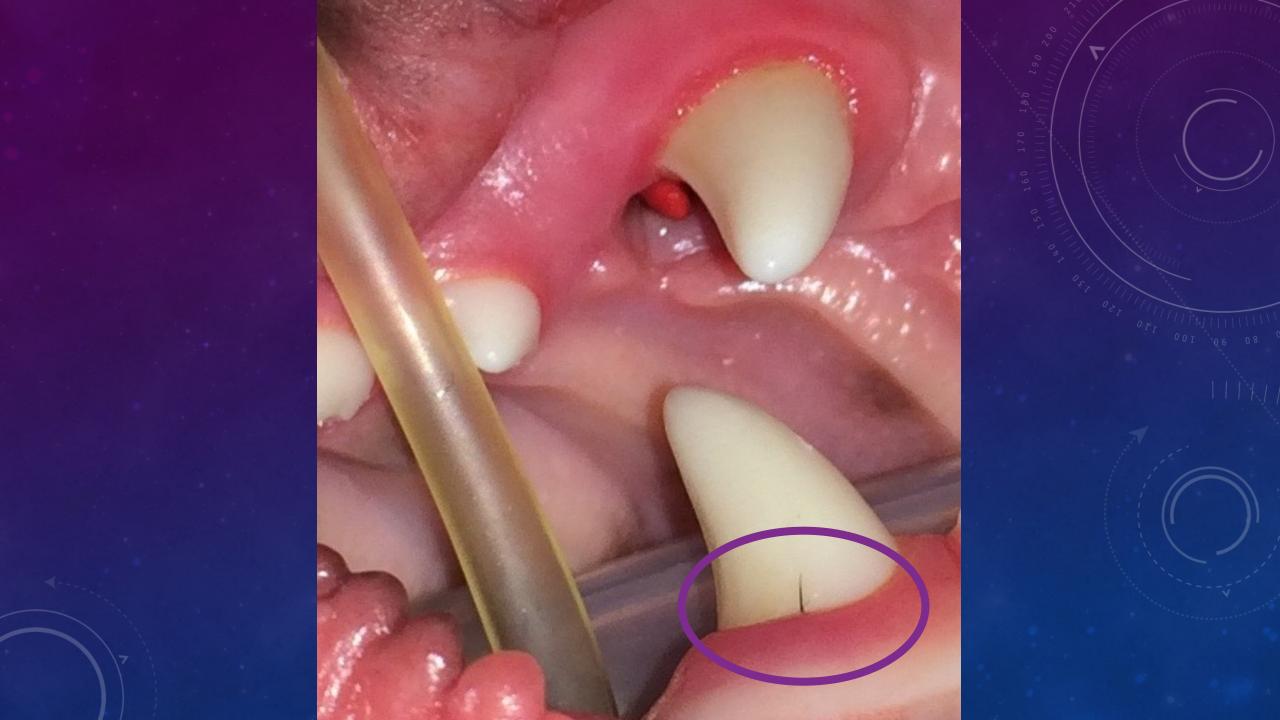






# FOREIGN BODY

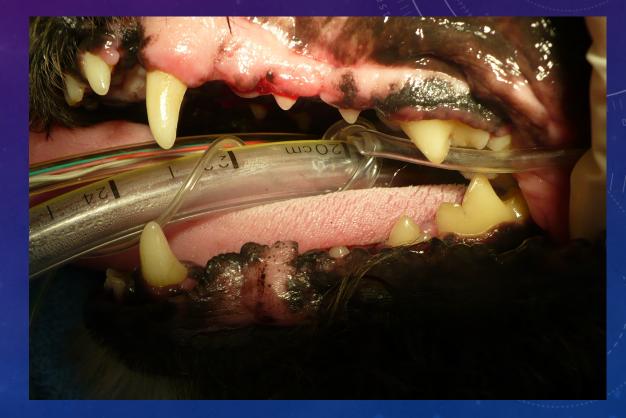






# GINGIVAL HYPERPLASIA / STOMATITIS









# Stomatitis



# VIRAL DISEASES





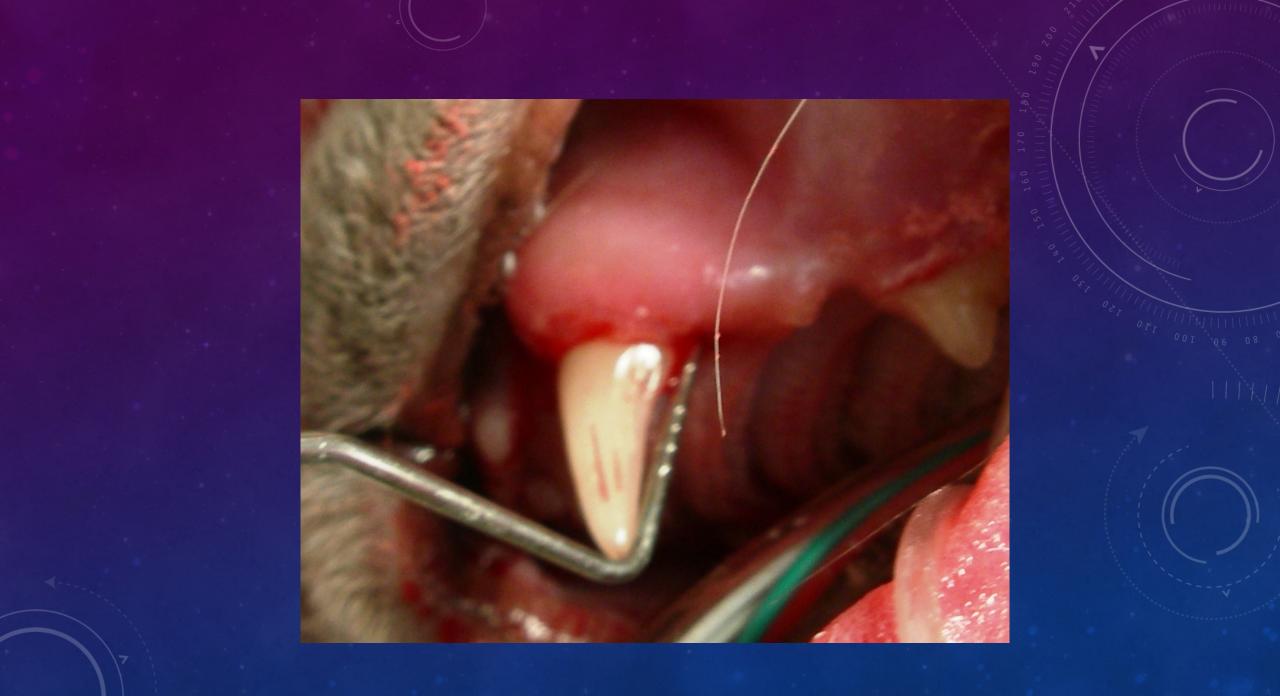
# FELINE ODONTOCLASTIC RESORBTIVE LESIONS



aka "Tooth Resorption"

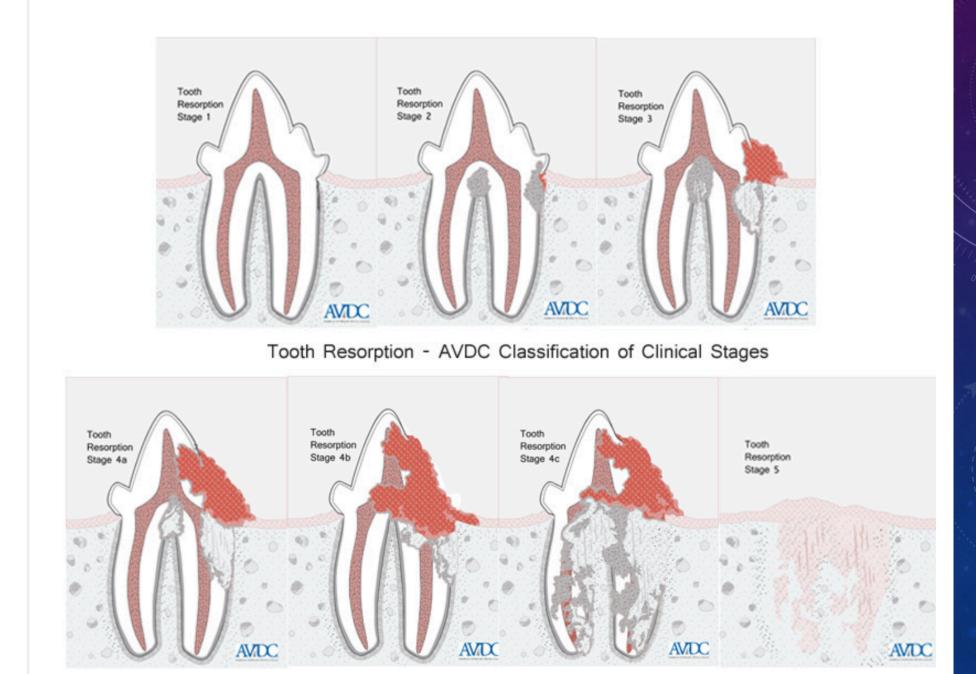


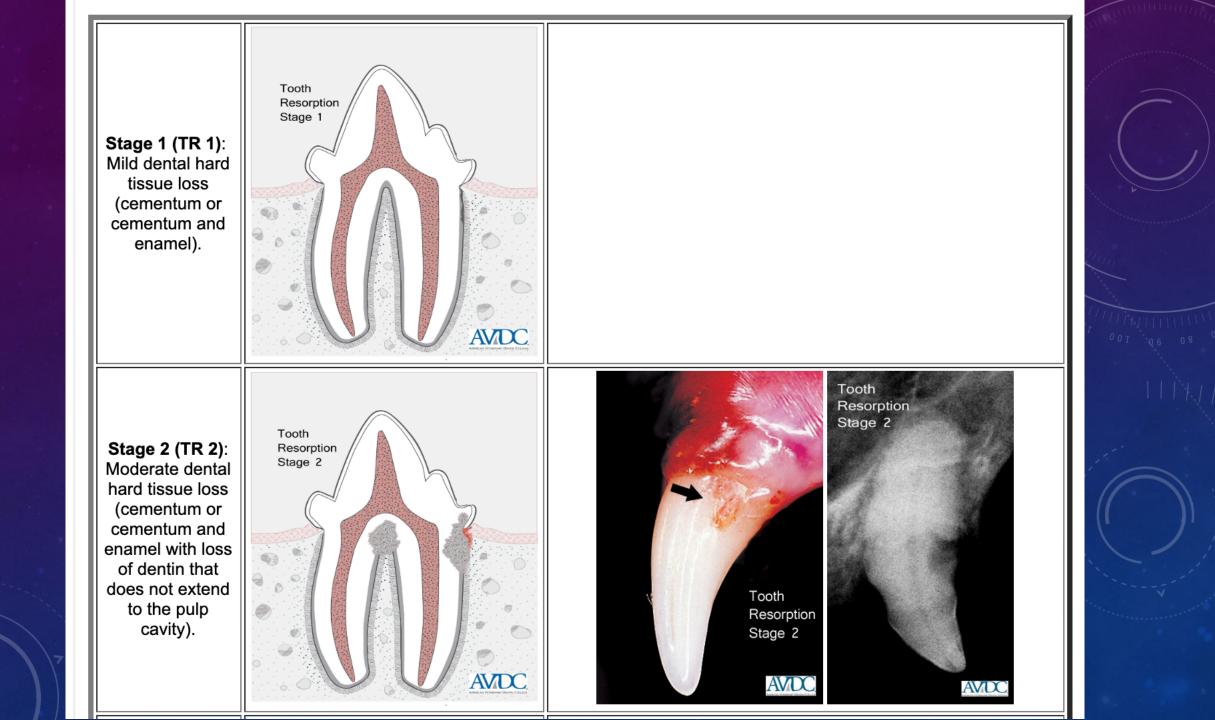


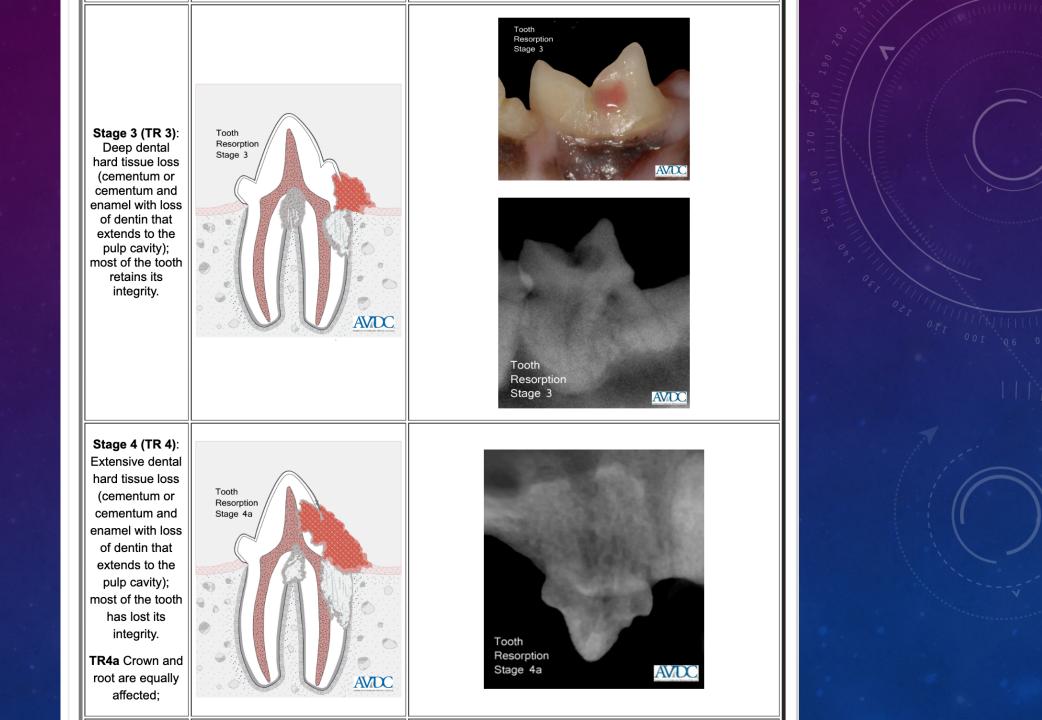


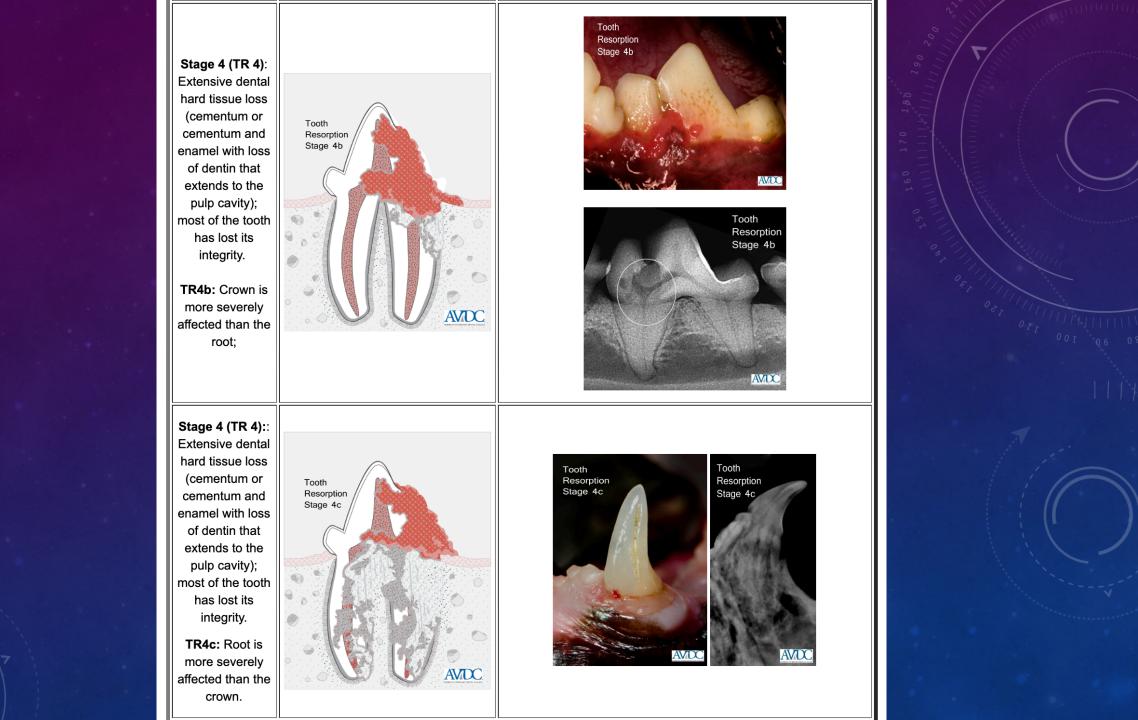


### Stages of Tooth Resorption

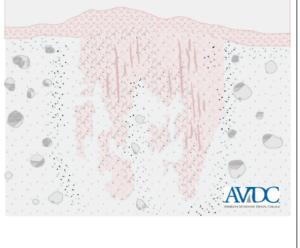




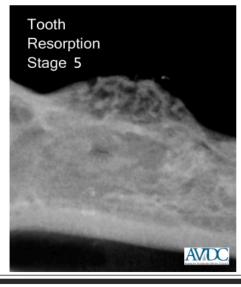


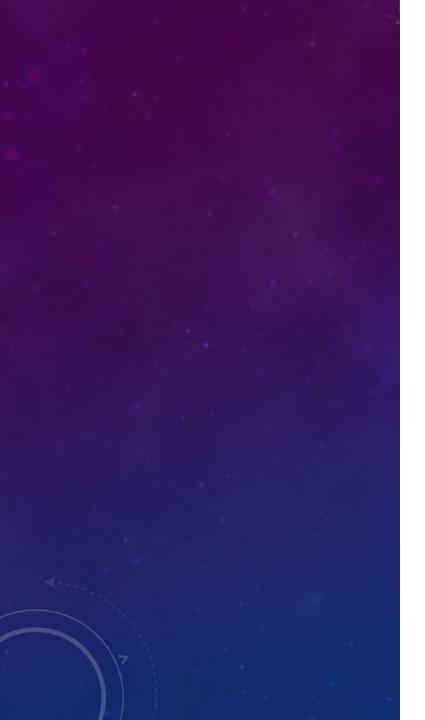


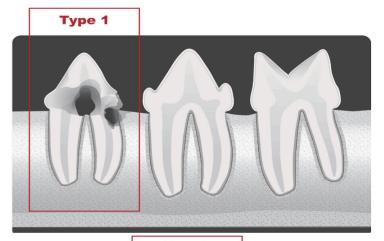
Stage 5 (TR 5): Remnants of dental hard tissue are visible only as irregular radiopacities, and gingival covering is complete. Tooth Resorption Stage 5



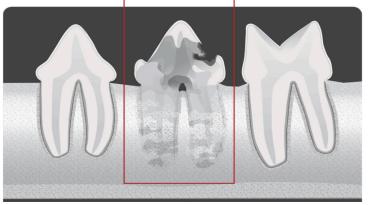




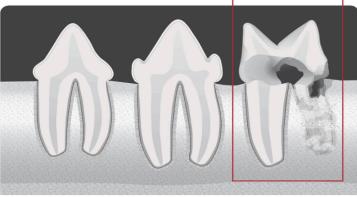




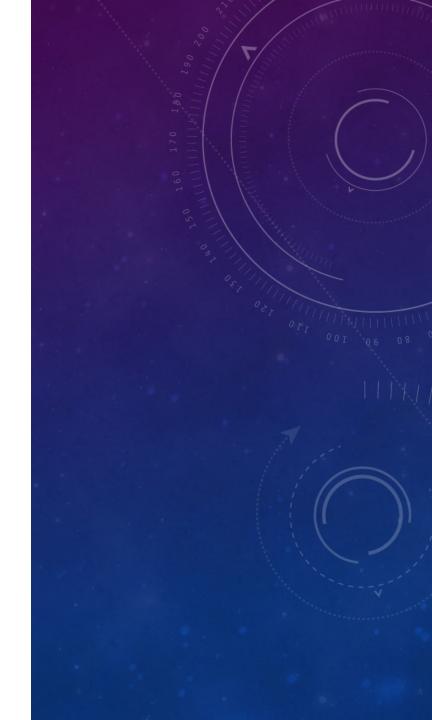
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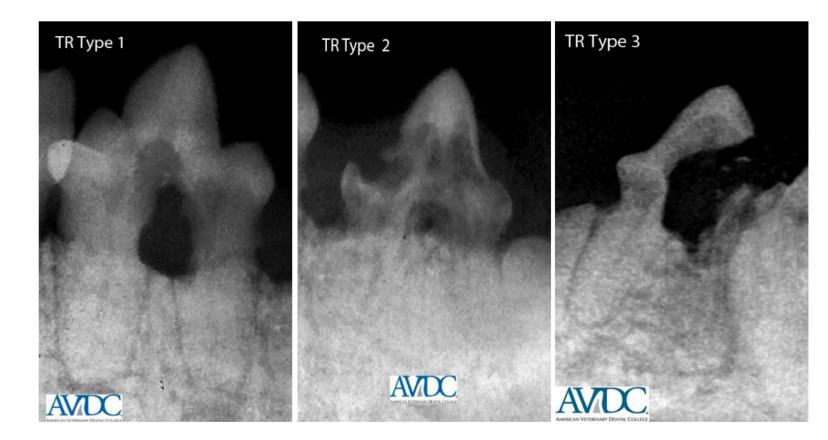


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Radiographic Examples of Types of Tooth Resorption:





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## HOW TO QUOTE FOR A DENTAL PROCEDURE

- Hard to predict but clients need something
- Cleaning, Xrays and Assessment are predictable
- Extractions:
  - Average time for a given tooth
  - Maximum of 2 hours dental surgery time
  - Expectations that time for a specific tooth is variable
  - New problems can be found



Normal Gums and Teeth

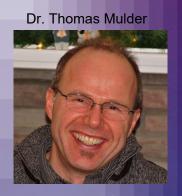


Tooth Fractures: When a tooth is broken, the dentin alone or both the dentin and the pulp cavity are exposed and are vulnerable to infection.



Periodontal Disease: Gum recession below the branching of the roots or a loose tooth

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Dr. Mulder is a "dental enthusiast" whose 30 years experience in private practice has given him a keen interest in veterinary dentistry. This experience and ongoing continuing education has equipped him with the knowledge base and competency to assess potential extractions and to perform a wide range of dental surgery.

Instead of having you and your pet travel to a distant location for procedures, Dr. Mulder will perform the necessary dental surgery here at the Main Street Veterinary Services. To book your dog's dental call:

### 519-203-2000



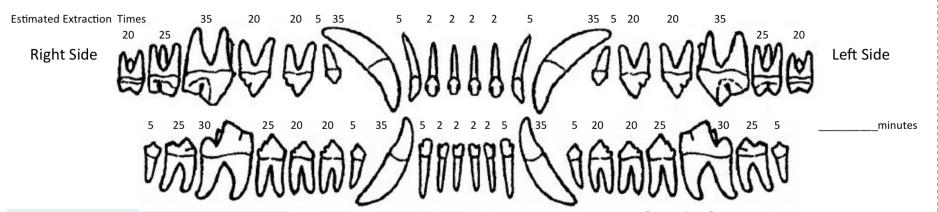
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## Your Dog's Dental Health Worksheet

Every dental procedure involves a sequence of steps. We have prepared this worksheet to help you understand what to expect.

The first step is an accurate assessment of your dog's mouth which requires anaesthesia, thorough dental cleaning and x-rays.

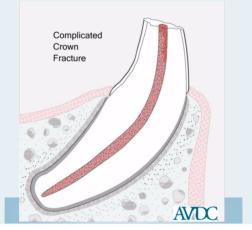
Depending on the health of your dog's mouth, we may need to move on to extractions of any damaged teeth.



### **Dental Cleaning and Assessment Costs:**

Anesthetic for cleaning and x-rays (includes IV fluids, sedation and everything required to get your dog safely under anesthetic)\$326.00
X-rays (of all teeth)\$175.00
Teeth Scaling and Polishing\$155.00
Hospitalization\$65.00

Total Costs for Anesthesia, Dental Cleaning, Polishing, X-rays and Assessment ......\$721.00\*



\*Preoperative Lab Testing is required prior to dental surgery due to the length of the procedure. In the event that we find broken or damaged teeth, extractions will be necessary. This will require nerve blocks to be placed (freezing) in order to provide maximum pain control and safer anesthetic. Post surgical antibiotics and pain medication may also be required.

The duration of dental surgery for extractions varies widely depending on infection, tooth fragility, crowding and other factors. Estimated extraction times, as seen above, represent the average time required per tooth. By identifying affected teeth now, we can estimate the anticipated costs. Final costs will be based on the **actual** time of the dental surgery performed. To reduce the risks of extended anesthesia, dental surgery will rarely exceed two hours.

While every effort has been made to provide you with an accurate estimate, we will contact you during the procedure if there are any significant changes to the treatment plan. Please make sure we have a phone number where we can reach you during the surgery.

### **Extraction Costs:**

Nerve Block	\$59.00
Pain control and Antibiotics	\$100.00**

#### Estimated Extraction Cost

\_\_\_\_\_minutes @ \$8.40 per minute......\_\_\_\_

Anesthetic Maintenance and Monitoring of your pet during extractions

\_\_\_\_\_minutes @ \$4.40 per minute......\_\_\_\_

Total Estimated Cost for Extractions and Ongoing Anesthesia

Maximum Extraction Cost (based on two hours of dental surgery and anesthetic) would be ......\$1695.00



#### \*\* variable based on patient weight

- Use worksheet to identify affected teeth
- Total the times from each tooth
- Use total time to calculate costs of extraction surgery and anesthesia
- Add this to the cleaning and assessment cost
- Discuss that this is an anticipated cost, new problems or complications can arise
- Worst case is based on 2 hour surgery time