



Canine Dental Case Study



Before Dental Cleaning

Plaque and tartar are visibly present on the teeth. Untreated, plaque and tartar can develop into bad breath, tooth

loss or worse. Professional dental care is needed.



After Dental Cleaning

A professional dental cleaning by a veterinarian removes plaque and tartar on the teeth and below the gum line,

preparing the teeth for home dental care.



3 Weeks After Dental Cleaning

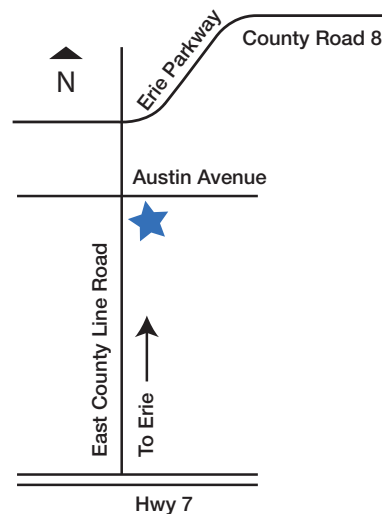
With the application of a disclosing solution, plaque can be seen forming on the teeth within only 3 weeks, without

dental home care. Fortunately, daily home dental care can help prevent plaque buildup.

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Why Dental Health Matters

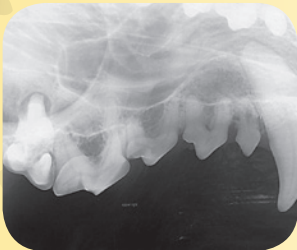
Most of us take our own dental health for granted. We see our dentist twice a year, brush twice a day and floss. With our pets, we rarely realize they have dental issues until we notice their bad breath.

Take a few minutes to check your pet's mouth.



Do you see any tartar, redness, swelling or bleeding? Do you smell a pungent odor? These can be signs of dental disease and although they don't let us know, it can be very painful.

It has been shown that the bacteria associated with dental disease can lead to heart, liver and kidney problems.



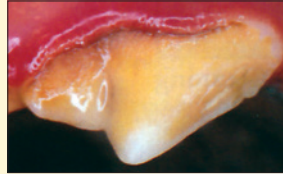
With proper dental care and diet, your pet will live a happier, healthier life and be part of your

family for years to come. Let us develop a tailored dental program for your pet.

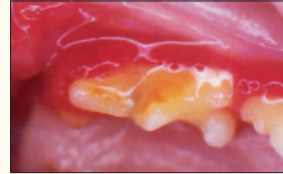
Call us to schedule a dental check-up today.
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85% of Adult Pets have Periodontal Disease. Does Yours?

Canine

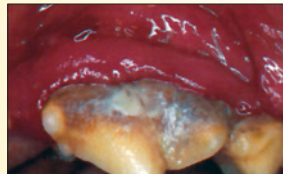


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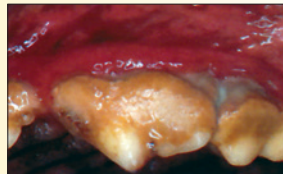
Stage 1 - Gingivitis

Margin of attached gingiva (gum) is inflamed and swollen. Plaque covering teeth. Treatment can reverse condition.



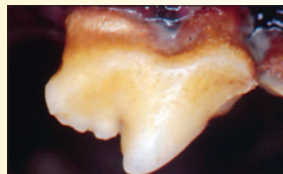
Stage 2 - Early Periodontitis

Entire attached gum is inflamed and swollen. Mouth is painful and odor begins to be noticeable. Professional treatment and home dental care can prevent this from becoming irreversible.



Stage 3 - Moderate Periodontitis

Cherry red and bleeding attached gum is being destroyed by infection and calculus (tartar). Sore mouth affects eating and behavior. Bad breath is present. Beginning of periodontal disease. May become irreversible.



Stage 4 - Advanced Periodontitis

Chronic bacterial infection is destroying the gum, tooth and bone. Bacteria may be spreading throughout the entire body via the bloodstream and may damage the kidneys, liver and heart.

10 Steps to Proper Dental Care

- 1). Physical exam with our doctors.
- 2). Initial oral survey of all the teeth and gums during the exam.
- 3). Remove obvious calculus at the gum line. This is the least important to your pet's oral health. ***This is all that can be performed without anesthesia.***
- 4). Remove calculus below the gum line. This is the most important for the patient. Three possible steps may be involved: calculus removal under the gum line, smoothing rough surfaces, soft tissue removal on the inside of the gingival pocket.
- 5). Polish and scaling below the gum line.
- 6). Fluoride treatment. Strengthens enamel, desensitizes exposed dentin and decreases the incidence of caries (cavities).
- 7). Complete charting. Almost all patients will have problem areas that need to be addressed.
- 8). Full mouth dental radiographs. 80% of dental anatomy is not visible to the eye!
- 9). Treatment plan. The doctor will develop a treatment plan specific to your pet and a course of medications that may be needed.
- 10). Home care. We will discuss options and demonstrate products available for dental health maintenance.

