

Periodontal Disease in Dogs and Cats

Stage 1 – Gingivitis

Margin of attached gingival (gum) is inflamed and swollen.

Plaque covering teeth.

Treatment can reverse condition.

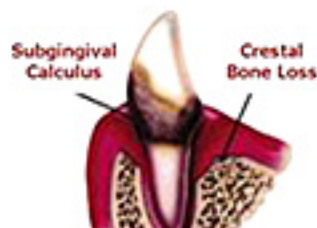


Stage 2 – Early Periodontitis

Entire attached gum is inflamed and swollen.

Mouth is painful and odour begins to be noticeable.

Professional treatment and home dental care can prevent this from becoming irreversible.



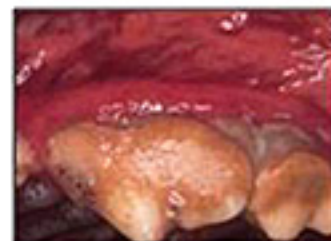
Stage 3 – Moderate Periodontitis

Cherry red and bleeding attached gum is being destroyed by infection and calculus (tartar). Sore mouth affects eating and behaviour.

Bad breath is present.

Beginning of periodontal disease.

May be 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.

