

Periodontitis

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Overview

Periodontitis is the inflammation of the structures that support teeth and gums. It is one of the most common infectious diseases in the world in dogs and is caused by bacteria that make up plaque.

Periodontitis causes tooth and bone loss, which can even lead to jaw fracture. It can be seen at almost any age and affects over 80 percent of dogs over three years of age.

Diagnosis and Treatment Notes:

- Periodontitis is generally diagnosed by oral examination, including periodontal probing. Full mouth x-rays may be performed.
- Treatment depends on the severity of the disease, your individual pet, and your veterinarian. A thorough dental cleaning is often recommended. Antibiotics are usually prescribed. In severe cases, tooth extraction may be needed. Discuss treatment details when your pet is diagnosed with this condition.

What to Watch for*:

- Bad breath
- Tooth loss
- Bleeding gums
- Loose teeth
- Poor appetite

**Please notify us if you notice any of the above signs or if you have any questions!*