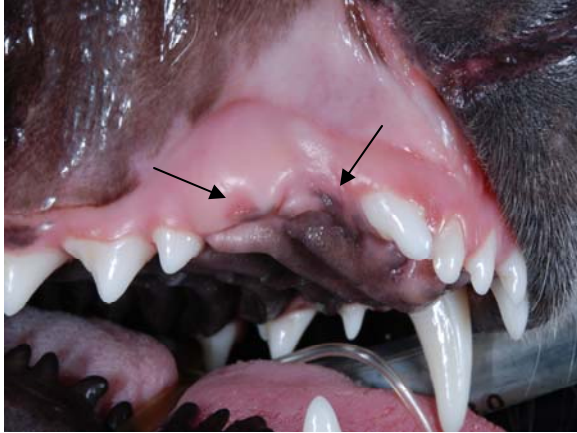




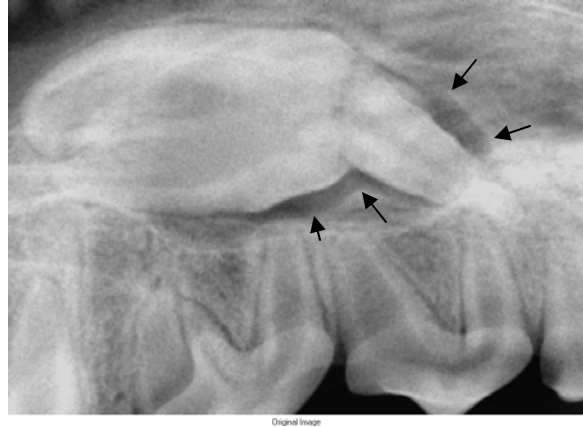
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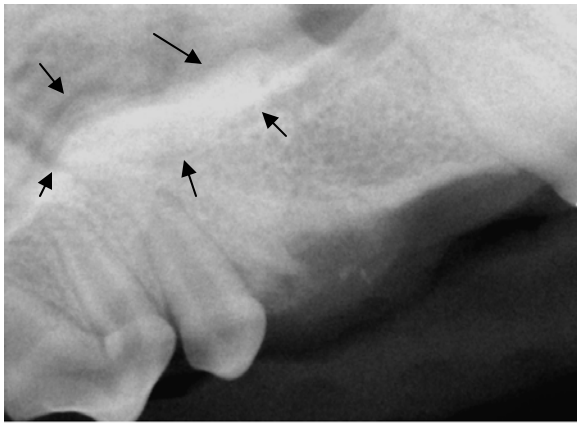
A 7 month old Siberian Husky presented for an oral evaluation. His right maxillary 3rd incisor and canine teeth were missing. The owner reported that all of the deciduous teeth were present and there has been no known history of oral trauma.



The 3rd incisor and canine teeth are missing.



The radiograph shows an impacted canine tooth with the formation of a dentigerous cyst around the tooth (arrows).



An impacted 3rd incisor is visible on the radiograph.



The large gingival flap was sutured after the impacted teeth and cyst lining were removed.

Early recognition and treatment of impacted teeth is important. A dentigerous cyst can form around the impacted tooth. Depending on the location, the cyst can severely weaken the jaw, penetrate into the sinus cavity, and/or cause the loss of nearby teeth. Dentigerous cysts have also been known to undergo malignant transformation in man. Therefore, histopathology of the cyst lining is recommended.