



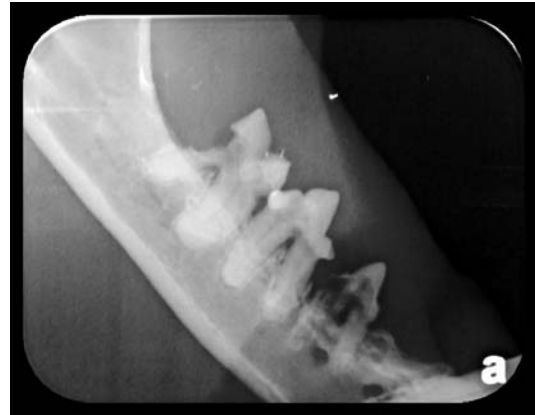
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Case of the Month March 2010

A 15yr old domestic shorthair presented for full-mouth extraction. She had been drooling for about 2 years. Stomatitis was diagnosed a few months ago. She was initially treated with antibiotics and steroids. The problem resolved partially temporarily.



Photo showing severe stomatitis involving the caudal buccal mucosa.



Multiple area of tooth resorption and retained roots were found on the intraoral radiographs.



Retained roots and partial crowns segments are seen on this radiograph.



Two weeks after full mouth extractions, the cat had improved significantly.

This cat responded very well to full-mouth extractions. It is the treatment of choice for severe gingivostomatitis. Intraoral radiographs **must** be performed prior to extracting the teeth. There are often retained roots and teeth undergoing resorption that must be fully extracted for the procedure to be successful. Steroids will sometimes cause temporary relief, but the side-effects can be significant. Cats that have been treatment medically for long periods of time don't seem to respond as well to full-mouth extractions.