

Case of the Month

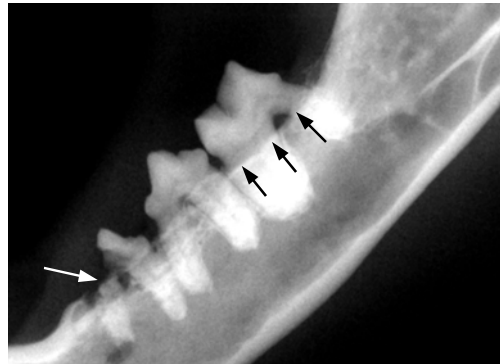
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History and Signalment: 15yr, neutered DSH with a chronic gingivostomatitis. Several types of treatments have been attempted, including steroids and laser treatment, with little improvement. Histopathology was performed to rule out neoplasia.

Physical Exam: Severe bilateral caudal ulcerative stomatitis with moderate to severe gingivitis. Radiographs showed some bone loss around the tooth roots with a few root resorptive lesions.



Photo of caudal ulcerative stomatitis on right side.



Radiograph showing resorptive lesion and horizontal bone loss (black arrows).



Caudal ulcerative stomatitis on left side.



Photo of maxilla after teeth were extracted.

Procedure:

Full mouth extractions were performed. All teeth and retained roots were extracted after creating a large gingival flap. Post-surgical radiographs confirmed complete removal of all roots. The gingival flaps were sutured and an esophagostomy tube was placed. The cat was eating soft food on his own by the second day.

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Follow-up:

One month after the procedure, the lesions on the left side totally resolved and the right side was almost totally healed. The cat was eating dry food, acting more playful, gaining weight and grooming himself again. The owner was very pleased with the outcome.

Next Month:

What is your diagnosis and treatment for this puppy?



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