

Dental Disorders

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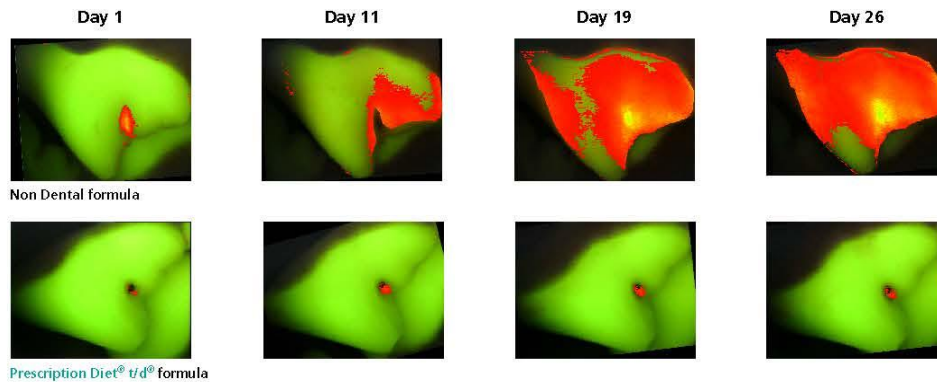
- Bad breath
- Salivation
- Anorexia
- In some cases, aggressive behaviour

	CLINICALLY NORMAL	GRADE 1 – GINGIVITIS	GRADE 2 – EARLY PERIODONTITIS	GRADE 3 – MODERATE PERIODONTITIS	GRADE 4 – ADVANCED PERIODONTITIS
Grades ¹					
Plaque	+	++	+++	+++	+++
Tartar	No	+	++	+++	+++
Bad Breath	No	+	++	+++	+++
Gingivitis	No	Mild	Moderate	Advanced	Severe
Bleeding on probing	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oedema	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pustular Discharge	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Bone loss	No	No	<25%	25 to 50%	> 50%
Systemic health risk	+	++	+++	+++	+++

Management

- Home care – brushing (with toothpaste) minimum of twice weekly
- Professional dental cleaning – minimum once a year
- Antibiotics
- Local antiseptics

Quantitative Light induced Fluorescence (using computer enhanced images) helps identify bacteria (plaque) in a pet's mouth and demonstrates the benefit of a dental food on oral health over time.²



Dietary Plan

References:
¹ Grades shown on top have been adapted from AVDC.org, Wolf HF, Rateitschak EM, Rateitschak KH, et al. Color atlas of dental medicine: Periodontology, 3rd ed. Stuttgart, Germany: Georg Thieme Verlag, 2005.
² Hill's data on file