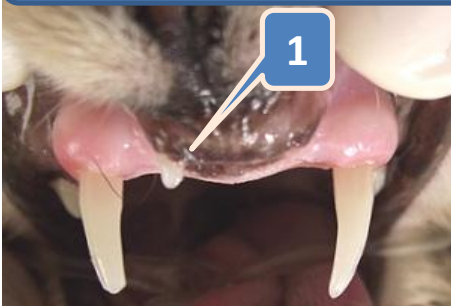
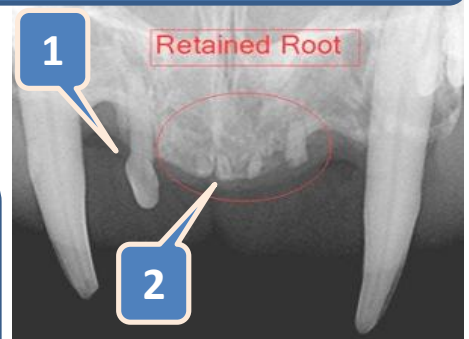


Why Does My Cat Need Dental X-rays?



LEFT & RIGHT, Only one upper incisor tooth (see 1) is showing and this cats' gums look very normal. Cats normally have 6-incisor (small) teeth.



Dental x-rays reveal 4 or 5 retained roots (see area 2). Tooth erosion (FORL's) is very common in cats. (see 3, 4, 5, & 6). FORL's = Feline Odontoclastic Resorptive Lesions .

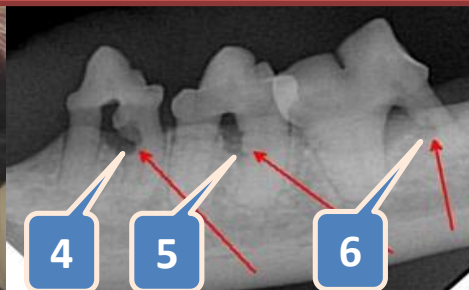
This is a 3-year old cat!



LEFT, Eroded teeth (FORL's) (see 3, 4, 5, & 6) can leave infected retained roots (see 7) that develop chronic draining tracts (see 8 - red dimples at both arrows). These can continually seed your pets' blood with bacteria that may cause premature failure of their Heart, Kidney, Lung and other organs.

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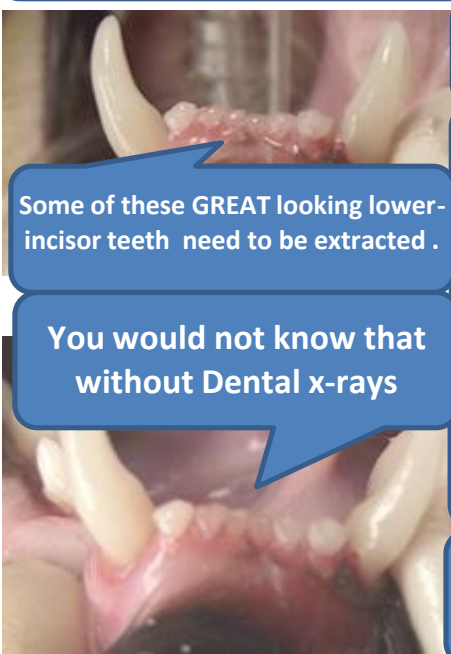
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LEFT, Looking at picture # 9, could you ever guess that the roots of all three teeth had FORL's (see 4, 5, & 6)?

Dental x-rays easily reveal the painful erosions on three of this cats' teeth.

BELOW, Only looking at the teeth and gums (Pictures) -- EVERYTHING LOOKS GREAT!. That is, until you look at the Dental x-ray and discover what lies under the surface.



Bone-Loss (or tooth attachment loss) is indicated by #'s 10,11,&12.

Some of these GREAT looking lower-incisor teeth need to be extracted .

#10 indicates where this cats' tooth support bone should be on tooth root.

You would not know that without Dental x-rays

#11 indicates where this cats' tooth support bone Actually is.

#12 is the tooth-root tip

The area from #10 to #11 represents the amount of bone loss (~60%)

If ~50% or more of tooth-attachment (bone) is lost the tooth should be extracted.

