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Normal

- Teeth are clean with no visible plaque or tartar.
- Gums are healthy, pink, and firm.
- No signs of inflammation (gingivitis) or bone loss.

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Mild Gingivitis

- Slight plaque accumulation on the teeth.
- Mild redness or inflammation of the gums (gingivitis).
- No loss of attachment or bone loss.
- Fully reversible with proper dental care.

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Moderate Gingivitis/Early Periodontitis

- Visible plaque and tartar accumulation.
- Increased gum redness, swelling, and possible bleeding.
- Mild gum recession but no significant bone loss.
- Bad breath (halitosis) may be present.
- Reversible with professional cleaning and home care.

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Moderate Periodontitis

- Heavy plaque and tartar with significant inflammation.
- Gum recession and periodontal pocket formation.
- Up to 50% attachment loss of the supporting structures (bone loss visible on radiographs).
- Bad breath and pain may be noticeable.
- Requires professional dental cleaning, possible tooth extractions, and advanced periodontal therapy.

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Severe Periodontitis

- Extensive plaque and tartar buildup.
- Severe gum recession, deep pockets, and more than 50% bone loss.
- Loose or missing teeth.
- Chronic pain, infection, and possible abscess formation.
- Requires extractions and advanced dental treatment.

TREATMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Grades 0-1

Can be managed with regular home care (brushing, dental diets, and chews).

Grades 2-4

Require professional veterinary dental cleanings, and in advanced cases, extractions or periodontal surgery.