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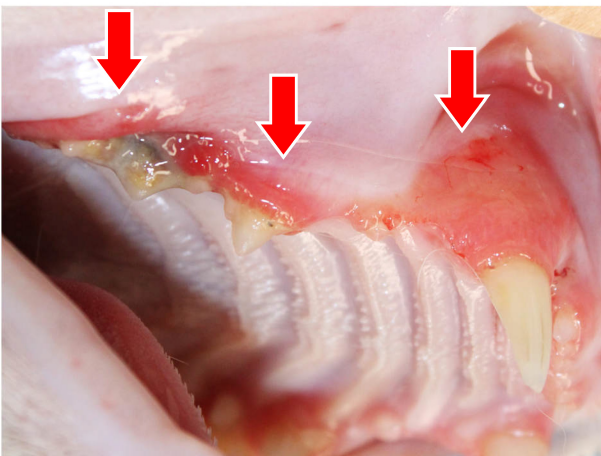
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Feline Stomatitis

About

Feline stomatitis is a severe, chronic inflammatory disease of the oral cavity that includes the gum tissue and other non-gingival mucosal tissues in the oral cavity (stoma) of a cat.



Severe inflammation and ulceration of the palatoglossal arches (back of the mouth).

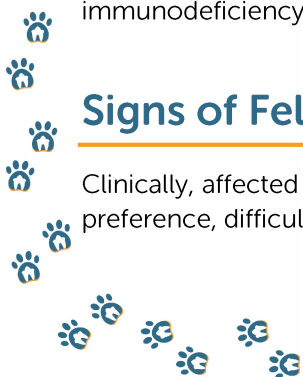
What are the causes?

Unfortunately, the aetiology or cause of this condition remains unknown. The disease is thought to be a multifactorial condition where the host's immune system is responding inappropriately to chronic antigenic stimulation of various origins. Viral, bacterial, immunologic, and environmental components such as feline leukemia virus (FeLV), feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), feline herpesvirus (FHV),

calicivirus, bartonella, fungal disease, and allergic conditions have been highly suspected to be involved with stomatitis in cats; however, no direct causal relationship has been established with any of these factors. In addition, concurrent dental diseases such as periodontal disease and tooth resorption are also highly suspected to trigger the condition due to bacteria and plaque accumulation.

Signs of Feline Stomatitis

Clinically, affected cats will often have signs such as oral discomfort, drooling, bad breath, change in dry/wet food preference, difficulty/frustration during eating, and unkempt coat due to reluctance to groom.





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Treatment Options

Your primary veterinarian may refer your cat to Dr. Will Basuki, our vet dental specialist, for a consultation and full-mouth or partial mouth extraction once they suspect this condition. During the consultation, a thorough discussion and treatment planning will be formulated based on individual cases by Dr. Basuki. Further diagnostic testing may also be recommended during the consultation.

It is important for you to understand that the extraction procedure is not 100% curative and further long-term medications (pain relief and/or antibiotic) may still be needed in certain cases that show recurrent oral

inflammation. Conservative/medical management alone without any extractions have been shown to be unsuccessful and we do not recommend this option to treat feline stomatitis in our patients.

Patients who receive full or partial mouth extractions at Sabertooth Vet Dental Specialist are usually hospitalized overnight for close monitoring, supportive therapy, and pain management. They receive intravenous fluid administration to keep them hydrated after the surgery and multimodal pain relief throughout their procedure and hospitalization.

Your primary vet may diagnose feline stomatitis in your cat's oral cavity and refer you to us.

During our consultation, Dr. Will Basuki, the vet dental specialist, will evaluate, discuss the treatment options, and guide you to choose the most appropriate one as not every cat's condition is the same!

