

5 STAGES OF DENTAL DISEASE in Dogs

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Stage One

Gingivitis, or inflammation of the gums, with no loss of bone or tooth attachment. Oftentimes, subtle signs of disease will be present, but you might not notice any obvious symptoms

Symptoms include: Red or puffy gums, Gums that bleed during brushing or chewing, Bad breath

The prognosis for Stage 1 is good as long as they receive the appropriate dental care



Stage Two

25% or less of the tooth's attachment to the supporting structures is lost. Mild bone loss may be found on x-rays along with mildly abnormal periodontal pocket depths

Symptoms include: Red or puffy gums, Gums that bleed during brushing or chewing, Bad breath, Receded gums may or may not be present

The prognosis for Stage 2 periodontal disease is fair as long as the dog receives the proper dental treatment



Stage Three

25-50% of the tooth's support is lost. On x-rays, moderate to severe bone loss would be present, and when probing the gums, abnormal periodontal pockets would be present

Symptoms include: Red or puffy gums, Gums that bleed during brushing or chewing, Bad breath. Moderate gum recession, Loose teeth

The prognosis for Stage 3 periodontal disease is fair when advanced dental procedures are performed, and you are very diligent about daily dental care. Often, the teeth should be extracted (pulled) at this stage



Stage Four

In Stage 4 of periodontal disease, greater than 50% of the tooth's attachments are lost, as seen on x-rays and periodontal probing

Symptoms include: Tooth root exposure, Loose teeth, Missing teeth, discharge (pus) may ooze from around teeth

The prognosis at Stage 4 periodontal disease is not great. Any tooth with stage 4 disease must be extracted

