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JUVENILE GINGIVITIS

What is the issue?

The gums are inflamed. In young cats with no dental disease, this is referred to as juvenile gingivitis. The cause is unknown but the condition seems to be associated with inflammation caused by plaque on the teeth. In some cases this is not true juvenile gingivitis but can be a transient inflammation caused by tooth eruption or associated with the feline common cold. Some cases of juvenile gingivitis completely resolve by the time the cat is two years of age. If this condition does not resolve, it is possible it may be a chronic problem for the cat known as Feline Chronic Gingivostomatitis (FCGS).

What has OHS done so far?

The teeth were scaled and polished if was deemed necessary by the veterinarian. Dental X-rays were taken if needed. In some cases antibiotics and anti-inflammatory medication were given. A full medical history of the cats veterinary care at OHS will be provided to you for your veterinarian to review.

What still needs to be done?

The cat's teeth should be checked by a veterinarian every 3 months. It is possible the teeth will require a cleaning under general anesthesia every 3-6 months (as recommended by your veterinarian) to prevent the condition from progressing. This may be necessary until 2 years of age or beyond, depending on the cause of the oral inflammation. The cat may require medication periodically to help control oral inflammation. Your veterinarian will likely recommend dental home care and a special prescription diet. In very severe cases, if there is no response to conservative treatment, the teeth may need to be extracted.

What can the adopter expect?

The course of this condition is not easily predicted. It depends on the severity and duration of the condition, and response to initial therapy. Ongoing veterinary dental care will likely be required.

Having disclosed the medical conditions referred to above, the Owner hereby releases and forever discharges the Ottawa Humane Society and its officers, directors, employees and contractors from any liability in connection with any costs incurred, directly or indirectly, relating to the conditions which have been disclosed herein.

Date:

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Signature of Witness