



# Full-Mouth Radiographs

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## *Why are full-mouth radiographs important?*

Dental radiographs allow veterinary health care team to:

- ✓ Have a baseline for future dental procedure
- ✓ Evaluate broken jaws or teeth, facial pain, swelling, oral masses
- ✓ See what is going on under the gum line thoroughly
- ✓ Evaluate the condition of the inside of the tooth
- ✓ Decide whether or not a tooth needs to be extracted
- ✓ To assess the condition called “cat cavities” in cats
- ❖ To diagnose and treat teeth before they become painful

## *What is “cat cavities?”*

Cat cavities are called “feline odontoclastic resorptive lesions.” When these lesions develop, cells from the bone that make up the tooth socket eat away teeth. It can be very painful and affected cats may paw at their mouths, don’t want to eat, and salivate. Without full-mouth radiograph, painful teeth that are hiding underneath the gum may not be noticeable.



## *Does my dog need full-mouth radiographs, too?*

It is a good idea to have a full-mouth radiograph done at least once to have a baseline for future dental procedures. Oral disease is the #1 health problem in dogs as well as cats and 80% of dogs will have signs of periodontal disease by age 3. And severity of periodontal disease is hard to assess without looking beneath the gum line using the x-rays.

*Did you know....*

- ❖ *60% of oral diseases are hidden to the naked eyes?*
- ❖ *Full-mouth radiographs enable the veterinarian to evaluate the 70% of the tooth structure that is below the gum line which we can’t visualize?*
- ❖ *50% of cats that over 3 years of age are affected by cat cavities?*

We offer a full-mouth x-ray for \$125.00.

(Individual dental x-ray costs \$31.35 and at least 6 films are required for full-mouth.)

❖ **Prices are subject to change. Please call for current pricing.**