

Periodontal Disease

Maine Coon cats are prone to periodontal disease. Gingivitis, an inflammation of the gums, can lead to periodontal disease if not treated.

Periodontitis cannot be reversed. The connecting tissue from the teeth to the bone and gums is irreversibly damaged, caused by untreated gingivitis.

You will see that your cat's gums are red and swollen. Cats will be reluctant to eat and will often have horrible breath. The veterinarian will examine the gums and take x-rays of the head and jaw.

This disease is treated by deep cleaning and polishing of the teeth.

Sometimes, tooth extractions are necessary when the teeth cannot be saved.