

Stomatitis

Feline stomatitis is a severe disease that causes a cat's entire mouth to swell. You will first notice a nasty odor coming from your cat's mouth and a lot of drooling. Cats may not groom themselves as frequently. You will also see that cats suffering from stomatitis often drop food or cry out while eating.

The cause of stomatitis has not been determined yet. It is widely believed that it is an immune system response to mouth bacteria leading to stomatitis.

Veterinarians will diagnose stomatitis by examining the cat's mouth. Veterinarians often recommend a partial or complete extraction of teeth when this disease is

diagnosed. This may seem extreme, but cleanings are not an effective way to get rid of the bacteria affecting the mouth.

Once cats have the surgery, they will recover quickly. When their gums have healed up, cats will begin eating normally.