



GINGIVAL HYPERPLASIA

MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FOR GINGIVAL HYPERPLASIA

This pet has been diagnosed with gingival hyperplasia, which is an enlargement of the gums that cause them to extend further over the teeth than they should. This medical condition is common in certain breeds of dogs such as Boxers. The extra gingival tissue can create pockets that trap bacteria and tartar, predisposing the pet to more severe dental disease. A gingivectomy (excision of extra gingival tissue) was performed while at the shelter, but it is likely that this is only a short term fix. While the current dental issues were addressed, the pet may require more dental work in the future. Good dental hygiene is recommended for the pet to help prevent/reduce the amount of dental disease in the future. All follow-up care will need to be done at the owner's veterinarian and at the owner's expense.