



## **GINGIVITIS**

### **MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FOR GINGIVITIS**

This pet has been noted to have moderate gingivitis, or inflammation of the gums. A dental scaling and polishing was performed during their stay at the shelter, but there was only very mild tartar. When gingivitis with minimal tartar are noted, there is concern of the presence of a couple possible conditions. Juvenile gingivitis is inflammation of the gingiva that occurs in younger cats, but is often self-limiting. Stomatitis is a more severe condition that can be progressive and result in significant inflammation of gingiva surrounding the teeth and extend to other tissues in the mouth. If this patient develops stomatitis, he/she may require long-term medications and possibly even full mouth extractions. 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.