**TOP 10 ORAL PATHOLOGIES IN CATS AND DOGS**

### Key Points

1. **Periodontal diseases**
   - Initiated by plaque, the oral bacteria covering the teeth's surface.
   - Affects most dogs and cats of any age, breed or size.

2. **Malocclusions**
   - Any misalignment which is not standard for the breed.
   - Oral tumours account for approximately 3% of tumours in dogs and about 10% in cats.
   - Loss of dental hard tissues is common in domestic cats and dogs.

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   - Retained baby or "milk" teeth, most common in toy and small breed dogs.
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7. **Juvenile gingivitis**
   - Can also be associated with eruption problems in dogs and cats.
   - More and more kittens are affected and requires early diagnosis and intervention.

8. **Fractured teeth**
   - Found in 49.6% of companion animals.
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5. Oral masses

### Most common feline oral pathologies

1. Periodontal diseases
2. Juvenile gingivitis
3. Tooth resorption
4. Caudal stomatitis
5. Oral trauma

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**Dental Factsheets**


