

A canine tooth and premolar/molar teeth are missing from the upper arcade in one of the images visualized in this sequence.

There is distortion of the adjacent soft tissues.

Comments:

I appreciate dental disease multicentrically including periodontal disease and loss of bone volume along the roots of teeth. I also appreciate alteration in the crown of one canine tooth. It appears that intervention was undertaken and a canine tooth was removed. Bone loss as is seen in this patient is frequently associated with an inflammatory process thus technically the animal has an osteomyelitis but the changes are not profound to the point where there is overt abscessation or a large bone sequestrum. Supportive therapy for inflammatory processes is thus indicated. Sequential images can be used to monitor the changes. If the animal is not responding, please let me know and I will arrange a consultation with one of the veterinary dentists in my group. Thank you for allowing us to be a member of your diagnostic team.

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“Lisa Taylor-Austin believes there was merit to her claims that Dr. Deforge negligently cared for her cat, Simba, and that he misrepresented whether he was a Board-certified dental specialist. Dr. Deforge denies these claims and asserts that the Department of Public Health’s veterinary board cleared him of any wrong doing. However, Dr Deforge agreed to pay \$7,500.00 to compensate Ms. Taylor-Austin because he believed the risks inherent in any lawsuit and the cost of missing two weeks from his practice made it imprudent to go to trial.”

Note: My guardian’s costs for my medical care and all legal avenues exceeded \$20,000.