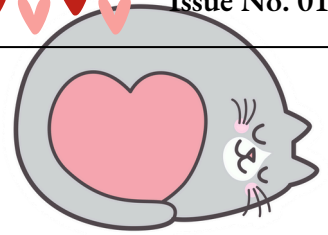


# Hello and Welcome!



## Dr. Wolff's insight on dental care:

Your vet tells you the dreaded phrase, "Your cat Danjon has a tooth resorption." But what does that mean? How scared should you be? Will he be okay?

A tooth resorption (TR) used to be called a feline odontoclastic resorptive lesion, a FORL, a cervical neck lesion, and many other names. But all of them are basically fancy terms for a special cat cavity, usually noted on an exam as either a red spot on the tooth or as gum growth onto the tooth. TRs can affect the crown of the tooth, one or more roots, or even the whole tooth.

But you've been an amazing owner who monitors Danjon's teeth and even manages to brush them with cat toothpaste! How did this happen? Short answer is, we don't know. Lots of cats will never have a TR (although this doesn't mean we can ignore their dental care!). Some cats may only have one or two TRs in their lives, but some cats will get numerous TRs over the years, sometimes even on all of their teeth. While cats are much tougher than humans or dogs, TRs are still painful and need to be treated.

So it's time to fix it! Which means...what exactly? Well first, we perform bloodwork on Danjon to make sure he will be healthy enough for anesthesia. Then we put him under anesthesia for a thorough dental cleaning where we clean, evaluate, and probe each individual tooth. After that, we take radiographs (x-rays) of his whole mouth to look at what's going on under the gumline (cats, being tricky, like to hide their dental disease under their gumlines). Based on all that we can see which teeth need extractions. The teeth that have TRs are then either extracted or crown amputated, meaning we take all remaining tooth that isn't eaten away. X-rays are taken to make sure nothing is left behind, any gums defects are stitched up, and Danjon will wake up relieved of his chronic toothache.

He's done and never will have issues again, right? Well, maybe. This is why we recommend a minimum of annual exams on our cats so we can closely monitor the teeth. If we start to see any evidence of dental disease creeping back in future years, we'll discuss repeating the dental cleaning and x-rays. Just like with humans, dental care is lifelong, and we here at Hebron Cat Hospital will partner with you to figure out the best techniques that will work for your individual cat.



## Client/Patient Chalkboard Art



## Wynter's Words of Wisdom

Did you know some flowers are toxic to kitties? All lilies, sago palms, tulips, oleander and crocus flowers especially!

