When was the last time you looked in your dog's mouth? Dogs often go for months and even years with painful gingivitis, fractured teeth or severe tooth root abscesses without noticeable clinical signs to the owner. Proper dental care can potentially add years of life to your dog.

**NICE JOB!**
No sign of plaque or tartar. Brushing your dog's teeth regularly is ideal.

**STAGE 1 – Mild gingivitis:** *(reversible stage)*
The margin of attached gum is inflamed and swollen. Plaque can be seen on the teeth.

**STAGE 2 – Moderate gingivitis:** *(reversible stage)*
The entire gum is inflamed and swollen. The mouth is painful and odor is noticeable; tooth roots have lost up to 25% of their attachment. Bacteria begin to impact other body organs.

**STAGE 3 – Severe gingivitis:** *(potentially reversible stage)*
The gums are cherry red and bleeding, damaged by infection and calculus. A sore mouth and bad breath are evident. Heart valves and kidneys are exposed to bacteria & may be experiencing inflammation & damage.

**STAGE 4 – End stage periodontal disease:** *(irreversible stage)*
Chronic infection is destroying the gums, teeth and bone. Many teeth are loose. Bacteria are spreading through the body and heart, liver and kidneys are compromised. Pain is constant.

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