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## Dental Pain Linked to House Soiling

*Cats often don't  
demonstrate  
obvious signs of  
pain*

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Pet owners frequently ask why their cat doesn't show signs of pain when we point out cavities. Cavities cause so much pain in cats that when probed under anesthesia, their jaws will quiver. But how are cats supposed to

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## NEW CAT THYROID DIET



## MAY REVOLUTIONIZE WAY WE TREAT HYPERTHYROIDISM IN CATS

**H**yperthyroidism is a common disease seen in middle age to older cats. Hyperthyroid cats demonstrate weight loss, hypertension, heart disease, and a variety of other metabolic disorders. Treatment is quite effective and includes radioactive iodine therapy, which requires one week of hospitalization and costs in the neighborhood of \$950 or medical treatment with the drug Methimazole (requiring twice daily administration).

A new treatment option for feline hyperthyroidism is now offered with the development of Y/D diet. Y/D aims to improve thyroid health in 3 weeks (i.e. treat hyperthyroidism), by severely restricting iodine levels in the diet. To be effective, it should be fed as the sole source of nutrition.

At the Hillsdale Veterinary Group, we are selectively choosing hyperthyroid cases to try the diet. If you have a hyperthyroid cat, and are interested in trying T/D diet, please discuss the possibility with either Dr. Castle or Dr. Flecker.

Interested in learning more about hyperthyroidism in cats? Click [HERE](#).

Want more information about Y/D diet? Click [HERE](#).

demonstrate pain? They can't verbalize that they hurt, and they won't stop eating until they're in really bad shape.

An article in the *The Behavior Perspective* (Summer, 2010), describes a case report in which a cat with a 3-year history of daily house soiling as well as a 1 year history of aggression was treated for severe dental disease. Following extraction of exposed roots and diseased teeth, the mouth and gums healed and the cat's pain resolved. And, so did its behavior issues!

This case could have had a different ending. Each year many cats are euthanized for behavior issues, especially house-soiling. Just because your cat doesn't tell you it's painful, doesn't mean that it doesn't hurt. This is why we emphasize periodic dental cleaning and examinations.

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To Read our Cat  
Dentistry Handout.

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