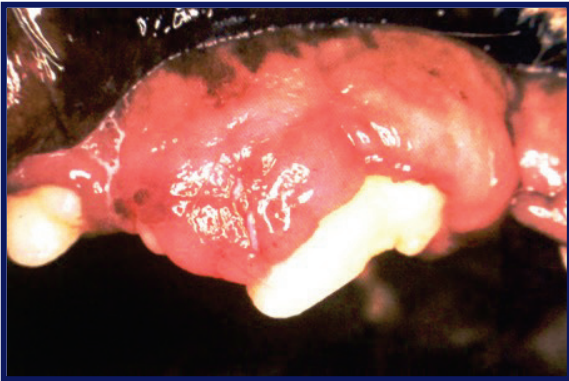
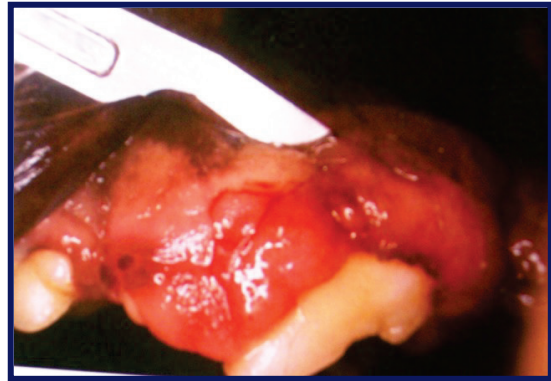


GINGIVAL HYPERPLASIA

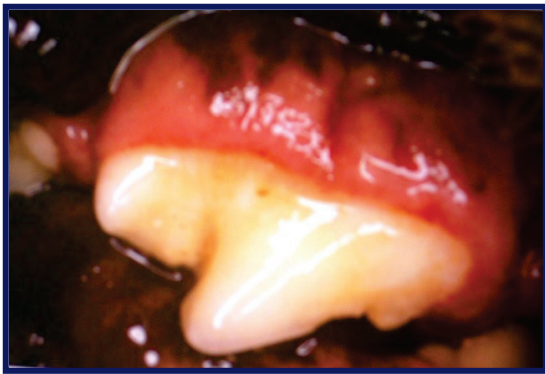
- Gingival hyperplasia is an abnormal growth of the gum tissues, often in response to the bacteria present in plaque
- The Boxer breed is the most affected, as well as related breeds such as Mastiffs and Bulldogs
- The excess growth of the gums results in very large gum pockets that trap food which leads to infection and bone loss under the gum line
- This is treated by gingivoplasty, which involves surgical removal of the excess tissue
- Strict home care is needed to help slow down recurrence of this problem



Moderate hyperplasia over an upper premolar tooth which has overgrown most of the crown. This made a large pocket over the tooth that had trapped significant debris



Removal of the excess gum tissue with a scalpel (gingivectomy).



The same tooth 1 month after surgery, showing nice healing and a now normal gum line without pockets.



A more severe case of gingival hyperplasia in the lower part of the mouth of a Boxer.