

Euclid Beach Cat Project

# Medical Cat

Dr Seuss

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**Dr Seuss - A Gentle FIV Positive Cat Suffering From Stomatitis**

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Dr. Seuss was trapped from a library parking lot after living as a feral stray. Initially extremely skittish, he required gentle handling and time to acclimate. Screening upon intake revealed FIV infection, predisposing him to chronic oral inflammation and recurrent upper respiratory signs. Dr. Seuss has undergone two dental procedures with extractions to manage stomatitis. Despite these interventions and medical therapy, he continues to experience painful oral flare-ups characterized by:

- Ptyalism and pawing at the mouth
- Sudden vocalization and “jumping back” when chewing

### **Diagnostics**

- **Oral Examination:** Marked gingival erythema, ulcerative lesions on the caudal mucosa, and mobile premolars.
- **CBC/Chemistry:** Overall was within normal limits

### **Current Interventions:**

#### **Dental and extractions at Humble Creatures, (Canton, OH)**

**Estimated Cost (after rescue discount):** \$600–\$700.

### **Prognosis**

Extraction-based management resolves stomatitis in approximately 70–80% of FIV-negative cats; in FIV-positive patients like Dr. Seuss, improvement is variable but often significant. With aggressive pain control, immunomodulation, and meticulous home care (soft diet, chlorhexidine rinses), we anticipate marked reduction in oral pain and improved quality of life.