

Our Team...

Dr. Patrick McKee received his DVM from Oklahoma State University. He practiced in Charlotte for a year before moving to Hendersonville where he practiced emergency medicine prior to purchasing AVAH in 2010. The McKee's family includes a son, two daughters, four dogs & two horses.



Away from work, Doctor McKee enjoys exploring the mountains of North Carolina with his family as well as biking, camping, horseback riding, rafting, fishing, and photography.

Dr. Jennifer McKee received her DVM from Oklahoma State University. She is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, American Association of Equine Practitioners, and the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society. Dr. McKee is also the owner of Apple Valley Equine Mobile Veterinary Services.



In her free time she enjoys camping, kayaking, swimming and spending time with her husband, Dr. Patrick and their three children.

Dr. Cassandra Lord received her DVM from the University of Tennessee. After graduation, she completed an emergency focused internship in Chattanooga. Though she loved emergency medicine, she missed getting to know her clients and their pets.



Outside of work, she enjoys running and exploring the mountains with her husband and two children and relaxing at home with her two dogs and cat.

Dr. Robin Howie received her DVM from the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine. She completed her veterinary internship at Southwest Veterinary Center in Tucson, Arizona and moved to North Carolina in 2004. Her veterinary interests include small animal medicine, surgery and ophthalmology.



Dr. Howie brings over fifteen years of clinical & surgical experience to AVAH. Dr. Howie and her husband have three daughters and three rescue cats and a rescue dog. She loves time with her family and enjoys Pilates, baking and hiking.

Dr. Naima White received her DVM from the Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She started her 24 year veterinary career at the USDA. She is also a Fear Free certified veterinarian.



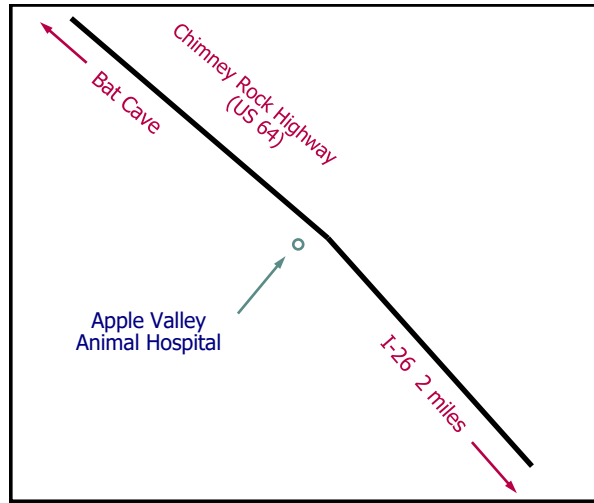
Dr. White has an array of companion animals including rescue horses, donkeys, llamas, goats, poultry and of course dogs & cats. She would be honored to meet your pets here at AVAH.

During her free time Dr. White enjoys spending time with her family at Lake Lure, riding horses with her daughter, & attending events at the Tryon Equestrian Center.

Client Service: Our Client Service Representatives assure the smooth flow of patients, records & information through the hospital. Camryn, Tiffany and Taylor are very knowledgeable and always happy to help with appointments & product information. They look forward to taking your calls and answering, or getting an answer, to your pet care questions.

Nursing Staff: Taylor, Marcos & Meghan, our Registered Veterinary Technicians, are responsible for administering the doctor's orders, maintaining medical histories and the care & comfort of our patients. Our technicians are required to attend continuing education annually. They're a great source of information and are always happy answer your questions. They are also quick with a treat and scratch behind the ear to make sure our patient's visits are a great experience.

Directions...



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Saturday 8:00a to 3:00p

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Healthcare Services at AVAH

Wellness

We believe an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Preventing diseases, illnesses and parasites is always less stressful, less expensive and safer than treating these conditions. We want your companions healthy and by your side as long as possible. We know the best care comes from an informed, observant owner and regular checkups by the veterinarian.



In-house Labwork

Just as in human medicine, early detection and treatment can add years to your pet's life.



Laboratory testing is the most sensitive means doctors have for early diagnosis of infection, blood disorders, diabetes, kidney and liver disease, thyroid function, hormonal problems and cancer. Lab testing is especially important before anesthesia procedures.

Blood work helps detect conditions which could make anesthesia unsafe and aids in the selection of the best type of anesthesia for your pet. Our state-of-the-art Idexx equipment allows us to evaluate over 95% of our tests in-house. For emergencies and time critical cases, this ability is invaluable.

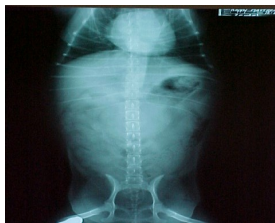
In-house Cytology

Microscopic parasites, bacterial infection and individual cell conditions provide vital clues about illness and disease. The Doctor's ability to interpret individual results in relationship to each other provides further diagnostic information. This takes years of training and experience.



Dentistry

The same natural processes that cause us to need routine dental care are at work on our pets too. Our doctors see plaque buildup, periodontal diseases and tooth damage every day. They are among the most common and most preventable medical conditions we see. When allowed to progress, these conditions can quickly cause pain, oral infections and a decline in general health. Studies show bacteria in plaque buildup (below left) invade the bloodstream through affected gums and cause liver and heart disease. Cleaned (below right), and the source is gone. The good news is that proper periodontal care adds an average of two years to a pet's life.



Radiography

This non-invasive diagnostic tool provides valuable information for the veterinarian with minimal stress on the patient.

Surgery

From the routine spays and neuters to orthopedic and emergency surgeries, our DVMs are qualified to perform a wide range of procedures. If your pet needs specialized care, we work closely with board certified specialists in the region. Our goal is to provide the best care options for your pet.



Pharmacy

To provide the medications your pet needs, as quickly as possible, we carry a wide range of prescription drugs. Our veterinarians know which drugs will be most effective for your pet's condition and assure they have been stored correctly.

Pain Management: Medical studies show proactive pain management significantly increases survival rates in critical cases and speeds recovery in all cases. In keeping with the highest standards of veterinary medicine, we provide and prescribe pain relief medications for all surgical procedures, traumas and pain conditions.

Geriatric Testing and Support: Like us, our pets are more likely to have health problems as they age. Early detection and treatment can greatly improve their longevity and quality of life.

Fertility Testing / Artificial Insemination: Fertility testing can identify male counts and peak female ovulation time. Artificial insemination can be safer and more productive.

Chemotherapy: Studies by leading veterinary universities are creating advances in chemotherapy protocols. Survival rates are improving for many types of cancers.

Dermatology: Itching, hair loss and skin irritations can have several causes. Testing is necessary to identify the problem so the appropriate treatment can be selected.

Allergy Testing and Treatment: Allergies can make a pet miserable. After testing for allergic sensitivities a injectable serum specific to the pet's allergies can provide significant relief.

Referral Services: We work closely with board certified specialists in the region. Our goal is to provide the best care options for your pet.

Acupuncture: Acupuncture is used for problems that involve paralysis, noninfectious inflammation (such as allergies), and pain.

Specialty Diets: Many conditions can be helped by proper nutrition. We stock Purina prescription diets because of their quality ingredients and commitment to improvement.

Emergency Procedures

During normal business hours call ahead, if possible at 828-685-1650 so we can review your pet's medical record and prepare the treatment area for your arrival. For emergencies after 4:30pm Monday through Friday, after 1:00pm Saturday, all day Sunday and on holidays call or go directly to South Asheville Veterinary Emergency & Specialty (SAVES) at 828-210-8285 or the Veterinary Emergency Group (VEG) at 828-470-7802.

Payment Policy:

In order to continue providing a high level of medical care for all our patients, payment is required when services are rendered. We accept:

Cash - Single party checks - MasterCard - Visa