

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.

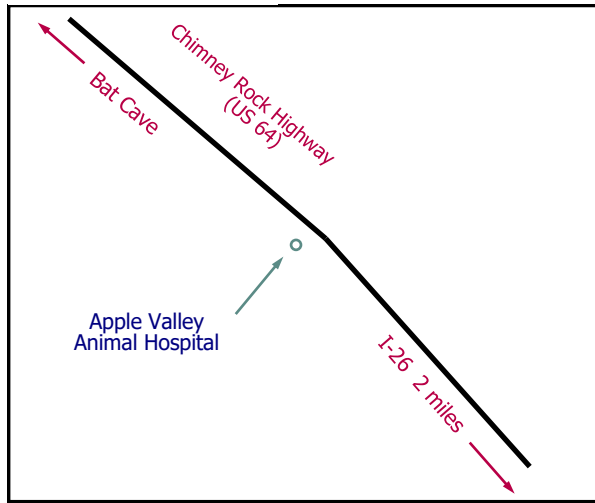
Dr. White has an array of companion animals including rescue horses, donkeys, llamas, goats, poultry and of course dogs & cats. She would be honored to meet your pets here at AVAH.

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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How Laser Therapy Works:

This is the same therapy used by professional sports teams to treat their players. Research shows light stimulation at specific wavelengths (red and near-infrared) interacts with tissues at the cellular level by increasing circulation, oxygenation and metabolic activity. This improves the transportation of nutrients across cellular membranes which stimulates cellular function and repair.

Laser Therapy is effective with:

Osteoarthritis	Post-Surgical Pain
Joint Pain	Neck and Back Pain
Tendinopathies	Hip Dysplasia
Edema	Congestion
Burns	Ligament Sprains
Chronic Wounds	Muscle Strains
Rehabilitation	Snake Bites
Puncture Wounds	
Post Surgical Recovery	
Post-Traumatic Injury	



Therapeutic Effects:

During each painless treatment, laser stimulation creates a biochemical reaction which increases circulation, drawing oxygen and nutrients to the damaged area. This creates an optimal healing environment that reduces inflammation, swelling, muscle spasms, stiffness and pain.



What to Expect:

No sedation or restraint is required. Most patients enjoy the treatment and experience pleasant, comforting sessions.

Although improvement is often seen after the first treatment, most patients require several therapy sessions to receive the greatest benefit. Class IV Laser Therapy treatments are cumulative in nature. The length and frequency of treatments varies with your pet's condition. A typical treatment series is three treatments the first week, two treatments the second week and one treatment the third week. The veterinarian will recommend a treatment plan based on your pet's specific needs.

"Booster" treatments are given to maintain the therapeutic effect. Although the booster treatment range is considered to be three to eight weeks, the average is around four to five weeks. An informed and observant owner is the best judge of when a booster treatment is needed.

Pain Free

Drug Free

Surgery Free

Reintroduction to Activity

Many pets experience renewed energy and increased freedom of movement. Consult your veterinarian before allowing your pet to return to full activity. A gradual introduction of activity may be required to keep from aggravating the condition or reinjuring the site.



Frequently Asked Questions:

What does treatment feel like? There is little or no sensation during treatment. Occasionally the patient will experience a mild, soothing warmth or tingling.

Are there any side effects? During more than twenty years of use, very few side effects have been reported. Occasionally some old injuries or pain syndromes may feel aggravated for a few days as the healing process is more active after treatment.

How long does a treatment take? The typical therapy time is three to eight minutes per treatment site.

How many treatments does it take? That depends on the condition. For some acute conditions one to two treatments may be sufficient. For chronic conditions, a series of five to eight treatments may be needed. Some conditions may require periodic "booster" treatments to maintain the effect.

How long before results are felt? Your pet may feel improvement in their condition (usually pain reduction) after the first treatment. Sometimes, depending on the condition, it takes several treatments to experience results. Laser Therapy has a cumulative effect and results are often seen after three or four treatments.