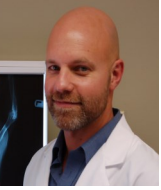


## Our Team...

**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.



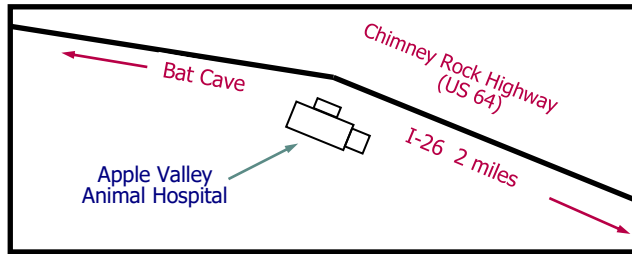
Dr. White has an array of companion animals including rescue horses, donkeys, llamas, goats, poultry and of course dogs & cats. She would be honored to meet your pets here at AVAH.

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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*Your other family doctor*

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# Canine Healthcare Basics



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# The First Year

The foundation of a healthy life.

## “Puppy Shots”

Just like humans, puppies need vaccinations to grow up healthy. At six weeks maternal antibody levels begin to fade, leaving puppies unprotected. We recommend the following vaccination and testing schedule for most dogs (some dogs may have higher risk and require a customized schedule). **During each of these visits the doctors and staff will give you information on healthcare, diet and training, and answer any questions you have.**

### Between Six and Eight weeks:

**DHP Vaccine** - An important vaccination against Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza & Parvovirus

**Parasite testing & treatment**– Worms are common in puppies and can be fatal if not treated. In our area hookworms, whipworms, roundworms and tapeworms are common. Of these hookworms and roundworms can be transmitted to humans.

**Heartworm Prevention**– These potentially fatal parasites live in the heart and are common in our area. We will recommend a safe and effective preventative.

### Between Nine and Eleven weeks:

**DHP Booster**

**Bordetella Vaccine** – Kennel cough (the same family of bacteria which causes human whooping cough)

**Flea/Tick Protection**– Several options are available and specific recommendations will be made based on your pet’s lifestyle.

### Between Twelve and Thirteen Weeks:

**DHP Booster**

**Leptospirosis Vaccine**- A bacteria which causes kidney or liver disease in pets **and people**. Given to dogs who spend time outdoors.

### Between Fourteen to Sixteen Weeks:

**DHP Booster**

**Leptospirosis Booster**

**Rabies Vaccine**- A fatal viral disease of the nervous system which can be transmitted to humans. Rabies vaccination is required by law. Boosters are also required within 72 hours if your pet is contacted by an animal of unknown vaccination history.

### At One Year:

**Rabies Booster**  
**DHP Booster**

**Leptospirosis Booster**  
**Bordetella Booster**

## Between Four and Six Months

### Spay/Neuter

These procedures can significantly increase the lifespan of your pet. We recommend spays and neuters for these reasons:

#### Spay (female)

- Stops the two-week heats that occur each six months
- Eliminates the risk of unwanted pregnancies
- Greatly reduces the risk of breast and ovarian cancers
- Eliminates the risk of uterine infections

#### Neuter (male)

- Adds three years to life expectancy
- Reduces urine marking
- Reduces roaming and fighting instincts
- Reduces cancer and disease of the prostate and testes

# Years 2 through 6

The adult dog.

## Preventive Medicine and Testing

Vaccination boosters and regular health testing are vital to your pets health.

### Annually:

- Physical examination
- Bordetella Booster
- Leptospirosis Booster
- Fecal Test– Checking for internal parasites.
- Urinalysis– Tests for early kidney disease, diabetes, and other systemic diagnosis.
- Heartworm test / Prevention

### Every other year:

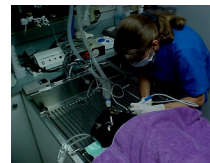
- Blood profile

### Every third year:

- Rabies Booster
- DHP Booster

## Dentistry

Dental health is as important for pets as their owners. Our doctors will make recommendations as needed for your pet.



Cleaning teeth with an ultrasonic scaler.

# Years Seven and Over

The Senior years.

### Annually:

- Physical Examination
- Bordetella Booster
- Leptospirosis Booster
- Fecal Test– Checking for internal parasites.
- Urinalysis– Tests for early kidney disease, diabetes, and other systemic diagnosis.
- Blood Profile
- Heartworm test / Prevention

### Every third year:

- Rabies Booster
- DHP Booster

## Old Age

Effective new drugs are available to relieve many common senior ailments, providing a higher quality of life for your pet. These include relief from:

### Arthritis

Symptoms include:

- Difficulty or pain when lying down or getting up, limping or stiffness after exercise, lagging behind during walks, appears excited but won’t join in.

### Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome (CDS)

Symptoms include:

- Wandering aimlessly, staring into space, not recognizing familiar people, sleeping more overall, sleeping less at night, barking more, forgetting house training, less enthusiasm, no longer greeting owners.

### Inappropriate Urination/Defecation

These “accidents” can have several causes. In most cases we can help.

