

Our Staff...



Patrick McKee, DVM

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, three dogs & three 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.



Jennifer McKee, DVM

Dr. Jennifer McKee received her DVM from Oklahoma State University. Dr. McKee 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, Patrick McKee, DVM, and their three children, three horses and three dogs.

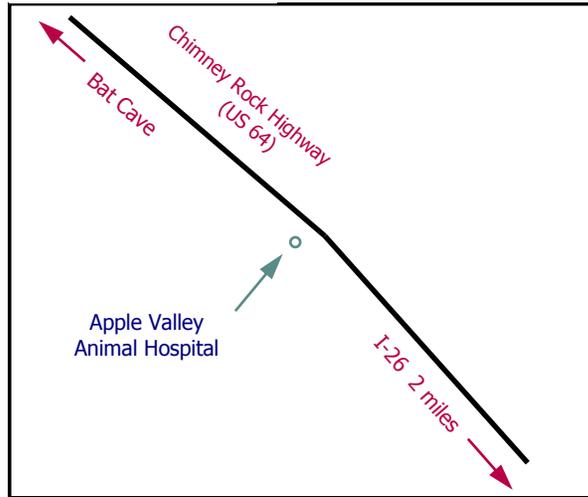
Reception Staff

Our reception staff assures the smooth flow of patients, records and information through the hospital. Teresa and Jane are very knowledgeable and always happy to help you with appointments and product information. Our staff look forward to taking your calls and answering, or getting an answer, to your pet care questions.

Nursing Staff

Dawn and Taylor, our Registered Veterinary Technicians, are responsible for administering the veterinarian's medical orders, maintaining medical histories and the care and comfort of our patients while they are with us. Our nursing staff are required to attend continuing education annually. They are a great source of information and are always happy to help with any pet care questions. They are also quick with a treat and scratch behind the ear to make sure our patient's visits are a good experience.

Directions...



Apple Valley Animal Hospital

YOUR OTHER FAMILY DOCTOR

3015 Chimney Rock Road
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Phone: (828) 685-1650

Fax: (828) 685-9774

Email: info@AVvets.com

Website: www.AVvets.com



Hours of operation:

Monday through Friday 7:30a to 5:30p

Saturday 8:00a to 1:00p

Call 685-1650 to schedule appointments.

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:

DHPP 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:

DHPP 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:

DHPP 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:

DHPP 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

DHPP 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
- DHPP 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
- DHPP 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.

