



Tales from the Trail

December 2025

MONTHLY PATIENT SPOTLIGHT: MEET CHARLIE!



Charlie is a 10-year old Morkie who came in for having a bad odor from her mouth.

On exam she had significant dental tartar, but more concerning was the severity of the inflammation of her gums. She had open sores on the gums and sides of her tongue! Charlie's gums were very painful and she was not eating well. She lost almost 10% of her body weight!

We checked bloodwork, which thankfully was normal and started pain medication and scheduled Charlie for dentistry!

Charlie did need multiple teeth extracted after her full oral exam, dental x-rays, calcified tartar removal, and tooth polishing.

She also had some of the mouth ulcers biopsied. She was diagnosed with Canine Chronic Ulcerative Stomatitis (CCUS), a painful, immune-mediated response to bacteria in the mouth.



Charlie is now doing great!

Her family is very diligent with her daily tooth brushing at home!

NOW OFFERING BRAVECTO QUANTUM!

We're excited to announce that we now carry Bravecto Quantum, an innovative one-year injectable flea and tick prevention for dogs! This long-acting option keeps pets protected with just a single visit—perfect for busy families who want simple, reliable coverage.

If your pet's annual exam is up-to-date, you can schedule a quick assistant visit for the injection.

If your pet is due for an exam or you have questions, we're happy to book a doctor appointment to ensure the best plan for your pet.

Give us a call or text to schedule and keep your dog protected all year long! **704-821-7040**



PET-PROOFING TIPS FOR A SAFE DECEMBER!

The holidays bring joy, celebration... and a few extra hazards for our pets. As you decorate and entertain this season, take a moment to “pet-proof” your home.

- Keep tinsel, ribbon, and ornament hooks out of reach—these can cause dangerous intestinal blockages if swallowed.
- Avoid placing food gifts or wrapped treats under the tree, and be mindful of toxic items like chocolate, grapes/raisins, sugar-free sweets (xylitol), lilies, and certain essential oils.
- If you’re hosting guests, remind everyone not to slip pets table scraps.
- Make sure curious noses can’t access open doors, gift bags, or bags of trash.

A little preparation can make your home merry and safe for your four-legged family members all month long!



LOCAL FAVORITES: ZOOM ROOM INDIAN TRAIL



We love partnering with local businesses that help pets learn, grow, and have fun — Zoom Room Indian Trail continues to be one of our top recommendations!

Their trainers do a fantastic job with dogs of all ages, offering everything from puppy foundations to confidence-building adult classes and advanced skills work. Best of all, they do it all using positive reinforcement so training stays fun, effective, and encouraging!

(980) 250-5165 / <https://zoomroom.com/location/indian-trail/>



Dr. Tabony's new pup is currently enrolled in the 4–8 month puppy class, so if your dog is in a similar age group, you may see her there—but no matter your dog's age, Zoom Room has a great class for you!