



Tales from the Trail

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WELCOME DR. NIKALINA VENO!



We're excited to welcome Dr. Nikalina Veno to the Indian Trail Animal Hospital team!

Originally from Scranton, Pennsylvania, Dr. Veno earned her DVM from Iowa State University before beginning her career in small animal practice and later relocating to the Charlotte area. dermatology, and feline medicine.

Known for her compassionate approach and clear communication, Dr. Veno is dedicated to creating low-stress visits and building lasting relationships with pets and the families who love them. Outside the hospital, you'll find her exploring Charlotte, enjoying the outdoors, traveling, and proudly spoiling her cats. She looks forward to meeting you and becoming a trusted partner in helping your pets live long, healthy, happy lives.

LYME DISEASE: MORE THAN JUST A TICK BITE

Ticks are active throughout much of the year in North Carolina, and Lyme disease is becoming increasingly common in dogs. While some infected dogs never show signs of illness, others can develop fever, lameness, swollen joints, decreased appetite, and, in rare cases, serious kidney disease.

The best protection is a combination of year-round tick prevention AND vaccination for dogs at risk.

Please be sure you are using a veterinary recommended flea and tick treatment / prevention product AND consider adding vaccine protection for your dog!



CANINE INFLUENZA: PROTECTING SOCIAL DOGS

Just like people, dogs can catch the flu. Canine influenza is a highly contagious respiratory disease that spreads anywhere dogs gather, including boarding facilities, daycare, grooming salons, training classes, dog parks and neighborhood walks.

Symptoms often include coughing, sneezing, nasal discharge, fever, and lethargy, with some dogs developing pneumonia.

Vaccination won't prevent every case, but it significantly reduces the risk of severe illness and helps limit the spread of disease. If your dog enjoys an active social life, talk with our team about whether the canine influenza vaccine is a good addition to their preventive care plan.

