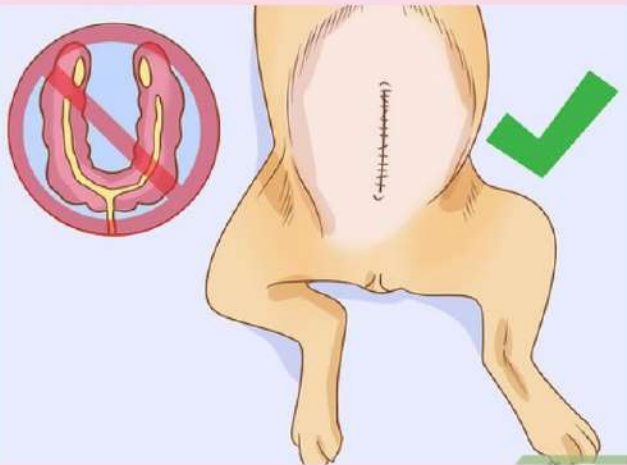




Tales from the Trail

July 2026

CASE SPOTLIGHT: ZOE'S PYOMETRA SURGERY



Zoe, a 7-year-old Golden Retriever, visited us at the end of April because her family was concerned she might have a urinary tract infection. She had finished her heat cycle about two weeks earlier and had become lethargic, wasn't eating well, and was drinking and urinating more than normal.

While her initial testing did reveal a urinary tract infection, her symptoms quickly returned after starting antibiotics. Her doctor became concerned that Zoe might have a pyometra—a serious, life-threatening infection of the uterus.

During a heat cycle, a dog's cervix opens, allowing bacteria to potentially travel into the uterus. As the cycle ends, the cervix closes, trapping bacteria inside. Over time, infection develops and pus accumulates within the uterus. Without prompt treatment, pyometra can lead to severe illness and can become life-threatening.

Fortunately, Zoe's condition was recognized quickly, and she underwent emergency surgery earlier this month. We are happy to report that she is recovering well at home and getting back to being her happy Golden Retriever self!

WE'RE GOLD CAT-FRIENDLY CERTIFIED!

For the first time in Indian Trail Animal Hospital's history, we have achieved Gold Cat-Friendly Practice Certification! This recognition reflects our commitment to making veterinary visits less stressful for our feline patients and their families.

You may notice our dedicated cat-only waiting area and our newly added second cat-friendly exam room. Our team also utilizes feline-friendly handling techniques and calming pheromones to help reduce stress and create a more comfortable experience for your cat.

To learn more about Cat-Friendly Practices and how to make veterinary visits easier for your feline companion, visit catvets.com.



CELEBRATING OUR ITAH DOCTORS

This summer, we're proud to recognize the incredible dedication of our veterinarians and the lasting impact they have made on pets, families, and our team.



**Dr. Slusky -
3 Years**

**Dr. Boniface -
4 Years**

**Dr. Wolfe -
19 Years**

**Dr. Kaylor -
21 Years**

Combined, these doctors represent 47 years of service to the Indian Trail Animal Hospital community. From welcoming new puppies and kittens to guiding families through every stage of their pets' lives, their commitment, compassion, and expertise help make ITAH the special place it is today.

Thank you, doctors, for the care you provide and the difference you make every day. We are grateful to have you on our team!

OUR FAVORITE JULY REVIEW!



Since we're celebrating so many wonderful anniversaries this year, we thought it was fitting to share a recent review that highlights the care and dedication our doctors brings to their patients every day:

"Absolutely LOVE Dr. Kaylor. Went there with my senior for a check-up and he was very patient, took all the time to chat with me PLUS he did the exam right there in front of me which no one seems to do anymore. What else was super cute is you get a visit report card at the end. The office is super clean and friendly and they have a group of highly knowledgeable vets on hand with great hours. I will be moving all my animals there. Highly recommend Indian Trail vets."

Thank you to all of our clients who take the time to leave reviews. Our team works incredibly hard to provide the best possible care, and your kind words mean more than you know. If we've made a difference for you and your pet, please keep those 5-star reviews coming—they're a wonderful way to give our team a well-deserved pat on the back!