

# INDIAN TRAIL ANIMAL HOSPITAL MUTTROPOLITAN

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## ITAH SPRING NEWS



With the new year comes new offerings from Indian Trail Animal Hospital.

Last year, we welcomed two new doctors. This year we will be adding another new doctor and welcoming back one that has been away. Stay tuned for the official announcement of our newest team member!

We have also brought on several new services and products that will be highlighted in this and further editions of the ITAH Muttropolitan. Our doctors are committed to constantly learning and keeping up to date on the latest medications and treatment options in order to serve our community best. Read on to learn more about Torigen – a new cancer treatment and Solensia – a new way to treat arthritis pain in felines.

Check out the new calendar of interesting events! Here you can find out about fun pet and animal-related holidays to celebrate.

## FEAR FREE TIPS

Having trouble getting your cat into his carrier for his or her vet visit? Try these tips!

Make the carrier a normal part of your cat's environment – leave it out where your cat can see it so it something familiar to them, not something strange that only comes out at a fearful time.

Take apart your carrier and let your cat acclimate to the bottom section by itself, then introduce the top half after they are comfortable.

Make the process gradual and make sure to reward your cat every step of the way with high-value treats.

For more Fear Free tips, visit [www.fearfreehappyhomes.com](http://www.fearfreehappyhomes.com)



# CALENDAR OF INTERESTING EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

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### February: Pet dental health month

14 – Valentine's Day

23 – Dog biscuit day

19 – World Whale Day

### April: Dog appreciation month

8 – Pygmy hippo day

19 – Cat lady day

28 – National Hairball awareness day

### March: Adopt a rescued guinea pig month

3 – Iditarod race begins; also, If pets had thumbs day

13 – K9 veteran's day

28 – Respect your cat day

### May: Chip your pet month

4- International respect for chickens day

6- Westminster dog show

14- International Chihuahua appreciation day

For more fun holidays, check out [www.nationaltoday.com](http://www.nationaltoday.com)

Did you celebrate a holiday with your pet? Send pictures to our Facebook or Instagram!

# NEW OFFERINGS

## TORIGEN, A NEW WAY TO TREAT CANCER



At Indian Trail Animal Hospital, we are staying on the cutting edge of companion animal oncology with a new Experimental Autologous Cancer Vaccine. By utilizing a portion of the animal's own tumor tissue, a personalized treatment specific to the individual animal's cancerous cells can be created. Treatments like these work to activate the immune system against specific tumor-associated antigens found on the outside surface of the tumor cells that are different than normal 'self' cells.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) [page tag], almost 50% of deaths in dogs over 10 years of age can be attributed to cancer. Regular examinations can help catch problems in the early stages of development and increase the odds of your dog having a happy senior life. Torigen's goal is to develop therapies that will help extend the lives of companion animals despite a cancer diagnosis. To learn more about their work and Experimental Autologous Cancer Vaccine, visit [Torigen.com](http://Torigen.com).

## SOLENSIA: ARTHRITIS PAIN MANAGEMENT FOR CATS

For years, there have been many options for dogs to treat pain,. However, cats are a different story. Cats' biology works differently and thus finding effective pain control has been a difficult journey.

Solensia is the only FDA approved treatment for osteoarthritis pain in felines. This is a type of arthritis that affects protective tissue in joints, causing it to wear down and allow bones to rub against one another.

When cats experience chronic pain, they often show Symptoms much differently than dogs and many times that pain causes behavioral problems, leading to many cats being returned to shelters.

Arthritis has been shown to affect up to 90% of cats past 2 years of age. Solensia has shown in studies that it not only helped cats control their arthritis pain, but also improved their quality of life and general well-being.

What is even better is that solensia is a once monthly injection given by your vet, so no pilling is involved!

Wondering if your cat could benefit? Go to the Cat OA Pain checklist quiz. <https://bit.ly/OAChecklist>



## FEBRUARY IS DENTAL MONTH

But you can take care of your pet's dental health all year long. Brushing your pet's teeth, dog or cat, is the best way to keep their mouth healthy. There are different types of toothbrushes and even flavored toothpaste with enzymes to help clean what you can't reach with a brush.

Check out [fearfreehappyhomes.com](http://fearfreehappyhomes.com) to learn how to brush your pet's teeth the fear free way!

At Indian Trail Animal Hospital, we recommend dental products with the VOHC (Veterinary Oral Health Council) seal of approval. These products have been tested and have been approved by VOHC to reduce plaque and tartar effectively. Visit [VOHC.org](http://VOHC.org) to learn more.



## UP NEXT:



## SUMMER ISSUE

- More fun holidays!
- Welcome our newest doctor
- Fun with fleas, ticks and allergies
- More new offerings
- And as always, more Fear Free tips and suggestions

# AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

“What should young people do with their lives today? Many things, obviously. But the most daring thing is to create stable communities in which the terrible disease of loneliness can be cured.” – Kurt Vonnegut

## CANTARITO

The Indian Trail community is happy to welcome another new restaurant, Cantarito.

Located next to J.J.'s, Cantarito aims to offer not only traditional Mexican dishes but ones from other Latin countries, as well. If you're looking to try something new, check this could be the place for you.

[www.cantaritospokane.com](http://www.cantaritospokane.com)



## FOUR EYED GUYS

Four-Eyed Guys Brewing Co., located on 910 W Indiana, is another dog-friendly local brewhouse.

They serve a variety of brews, food and even coffee.

If you've visited them with your dog, send us a picture!



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