

INDIAN TRAIL



ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Tales from the Trail

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Zeke is a young Labrador mix with a history of ingesting (and defecating out) socks, especially when stressed. He is typically energetic, but came to see us with a 24-hour history of vomiting, inappetence, and lethargy. Though he was not seen to ingest any socks, his family had gone out of town. X-rays showed possible foreign material in his intestine, but no intestinal dilation that would suggest a blockage.. Zeke received IV fluids and nausea-support but did not improve, and came back the next day for surgery. He's pictured below with his buddy Gus the very night before!

Zeke returned looking better, with more energy and no abdominal pain. Repeat x-rays showed the material moved, but could not differentiate if it moved to the colon, or further along the small intestine. This is important because foreign material in the colon is not typically surgical, but when truly stuck in the small intestine, it is. We performed a **pneumo-colonogram**, infusing air into Zeke's colon. Air is black on x-ray, and highlighted that the foreign material moved to the colon!

Zeke pooped out the sock, avoided surgery, and is back to normal!



Making your cat's journey to the vet easier for you both, a how-to:

- Use a visual cover over the carrier to mask/muffle aversive sights and sounds during transportation
- Consider air flow and the ambient temperature, to prevent overheating in warm weather
- Consider spraying or wiping the cat carrier/bedding with Feliway spray 15 minutes prior to the cat going into the carrier for a veterinary visit, to aid familiarity and reduce anxiety
- Never carry by the handle or strap, instead always support carriers top and bottom



Check out our website
for more helpful tips for
a smooth visit!



Ultrasound is a non-invasive way to evaluate structures inside the body and can find problems as small as millimeters! We have experienced traveling veterinary ultrasonographers who come to our practice for complete heart or abdominal ultrasound studies when needed. We are excited that we have recently added ultrasound to our practice this fall for our doctors to use to help their patients, too. As our skill sets increase, we'll tell you how these new services can help your pets!

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