



Vaccine Reactions:

What to Watch For



Vaccines are an important part of keeping pets healthy and protected, and most pets tolerate them very well. Occasionally, mild reactions can occur — and knowing what to watch for helps keep your pet safe.



Possible Mild Reactions

These reactions are usually temporary and typically resolve within 24–48 hours.

-  Mild lethargy or sleepiness
-  Decreased appetite
-  Soreness or swelling at the injection site
-  Mild fever
-  Vomiting or diarrhea



Seek Immediate Veterinary Care If You Notice:

-  Facial swelling (especially around the eyes or muzzle)
-  Hives or intense itching
-  Vomiting or diarrhea that continues
-  Difficulty breathing
-  Collapse or extreme weakness



What to do if your pet has a reaction:



Contact us right away if you notice anything concerning.



Note when the symptoms started and how long they last.



Let our team know about any past vaccine reactions at future visits.



This information is incredibly important. Knowing how your pet has responded to vaccines in the past helps us adjust vaccine plans, pre-treat when needed, or space vaccines appropriately to keep your pet safe and comfortable.



If you ever have questions or concerns after vaccines, please don't hesitate to reach out — we're here to help. 



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