



Vaccine Reactions

In general, vaccines are a vital component to your pet's preventative care plan and the benefits of vaccines far outweigh their rare side effects. But occasionally, a patient can be sensitive to certain vaccines and vaccine reactions can occur. Splitting up the number of vaccines given to your pet per visit can help to decrease the potential of vaccine reactions, especially if your pet is under 10 lbs. After any vaccination appointment, it is recommended to monitor your pet for the next 48 hours. Listed below are potential side effects that could occur after your pet is vaccinated.

Common Side Effects That Could Last 24 – 48 Hours Post Vaccination:

- Lethargy
- Soreness and mild swelling at the injection site
- Decreased appetite
- Mild Fever

More Severe Side Effects That Warrant Medical Attention Post Vaccination:

- Trouble breathing or coughing
- Swelling around the face and muzzle
- Hives on body causing itching
- A firm lump at the injection site that lasts more than 3 - 4 weeks
- Persistent vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Lethargy, fever, or decreased appetite that lasts longer than 48 hours
- Collapse

If your pet experiences any of the above listed severe vaccine reactions, please give us a call as soon as possible. Additionally, if you have questions involving the more common, mild vaccine reactions, please reach out to us.

*For more information concerning vaccine reactions, please visit the AVMA website at:
<https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/pet-owners/petcare/what-expect-after-your-pets-vaccination>