



Vaccination Side Effects

Some pets will experience mild side effects following vaccination. They can start as early as 20 minutes after receiving the vaccine, but if they last for more than 24 hours or cause your pet significant discomfort, it is important for you to contact your veterinarian.

Common Side Effects

- Discomfort and local swelling at the vaccination site
- Mild fever
- Decreased appetite and activity
- Sneezing, mild coughing, "snotty nose", or other respiratory signs may occur 2-5 days after your pet receives an intranasal (in the nose) vaccine

A small, firm swelling under the skin may develop at the site of a recent vaccination. It should start to disappear within 7-14 days. If it persists more than three weeks, or seems to be getting larger, you should contact your veterinarian.

Serious Reactions

Although uncommon, serious reactions indicating an allergic reaction may occur within minutes to hours after vaccination. These reactions can be life threatening and are considered medical emergencies.



Seek veterinary care **IMMEDIATELY** if any of these signs develop:

- Persistent vomiting or diarrhea
- Itchy skin that may seem bumpy ("hives")

- Swelling of the muzzle and around the face, neck, or eyes
- Severe coughing or difficulty breathing
- Collapse

Always inform your veterinarian if your pet has had prior reactions to any vaccine or medication. If your pet has had a previous allergic reaction, an antihistamine injection will be given before the vaccine.

If a vaccine reaction is a concern, wait 30-60 minutes following vaccination before taking your pet home.

If problems arise when your veterinarian is not available, call **Animal Emergency Clinic** at **(217) 359-1977** or **University of Illinois Small Animal ER** at **(217) 333-5300**.

