



Thank you for choosing to vaccinate your pet today and ensuring your pet lives a long, happy and healthy life!

Just like us, it's common for your pet to experience some minor discomfort after their vaccination, but in the long run, the effect of the vaccination will help ensure they stay healthy. This sheet will explain some common side effects, and also give you information on what to look out for if they do start to show a more serious reaction to any vaccinations. As always, if you do start to notice them experiencing a more serious reaction, do not hesitate to contact your family veterinarian right away.

SIDE EFFECTS

What is a side effect?

It is common for pets to experience some or all of the following minor symptoms after receiving a vaccination:

- Discomfort and local swelling at the vaccination site.
- Mild fever.
- Decreased appetite and activity level.
- Stiffness or soreness.

Time frame

Minor side effects can occur and resolve themselves within the first 48 hours after being vaccinated.

How will it be resolved?

Typically, these side effects will resolve themselves without any additional treatment or care. **Pets that experience significant discomfort, or if the symptoms last longer than 48 hours, should be referred to their local veterinarian.**

Future Vaccines

Any pet that has experienced a mild side effect is still encouraged to be vaccinated.

VACCINE REACTIONS

What is a vaccine reaction?

Allergic reactions are more serious, but less common after receiving vaccinations. These reactions can be life-threatening and are considered medical emergencies:

- Persistent vomiting or diarrhea.
- Hives
- Swelling of the muzzle and around the face, neck or eyes.
- Severe coughing or difficulty breathing.
- Collapsing.

Time frame

Vaccine reactions can occur within minutes to the first few hours.

How will it be resolved?

Due to the severity of the described symptoms, usually reactions require immediate treatment at a full-service veterinary hospital.

Future Vaccines

Any pet with a history of vaccine-related reactions **MUST** alert their veterinarian prior to receiving future vaccinations.



Keeping your pet up-to-date on their appropriate vaccinations helps ensure they live a long, happy and healthy life!

Depending on your pet's age, they may require a series of vaccinations over a timespan, or a yearly booster to keep their immunity strong. Follow the recommended vaccination schedule chart below to ensure your pet is accurately vaccinated and make sure to keep records of their yearly boosters.

DOGS

AGE	VACCINATION
8 Weeks	DHPP (4-in-1: Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza) Start Heartworm Prevention
12 Weeks	DHPP Booster
16 Weeks	DHPP Booster Rabies Vaccine
YEARLY Booster	DHPP Booster Rabies Vaccine

CATS

AGE	VACCINATION
8 Weeks	FVRC (Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis Calicivirus and Panleukopenia) Start Heartworm Prevention
12 Weeks	FVRCP Booster FELV Vaccine (Feline Leukemia Virus)
16 Weeks	FVRCP and FELV Booster Rabies Vaccine
YEARLY Booster	FVRCP and FELV Booster Rabies Vaccine