

# What to Expect After Your Pet's Vaccination

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**By vaccinating your pet, you  
have taken an important step  
toward protecting your  
pet and your family.**

Vaccination is the most common veterinary preventive measure. It's a safe and effective way to protect pets and people from serious disease.

Some pets may experience mild side effects following vaccination. Typically starting within hours of vaccination, any symptoms are most often mild and usually do not persist for more than a few days. This is a normal response by your pet's immune system during the process of developing protective immunity.

## **Common symptoms your pet may experience**

- Mild fever
- Decrease in social behavior
- Diminished appetite or activity
- Sneezing or other respiratory signs (with intranasal vaccines)
- Discomfort or mild swelling at the injection site

Rare side effects such as an allergic reaction may occur. Your pet may experience symptoms of a more serious reaction to the vaccine within minutes or hours of the vaccination.

## **Rare symptoms could include**

- Swelling of face and legs
- Repeated vomiting or diarrhea
- Whole-body itching
- Difficulty breathing
- Collapse

If your pet experiences any of these rare symptoms, you should contact your veterinarian immediately, as your pet may require emergency medical treatment.