

Your dog received a vaccination today. Vaccines stimulate your pet's immune system to make antibodies that fight diseases they may be exposed to. It is fairly common for your pet to experience some or all of the following mild side effects. These can start immediately or within several hours of vaccination and typically last no longer than a couple of days. Side effects may include:

- Mild fever
- Decreased appetite
- Sneezing (or other respiratory signs) following intranasal vaccines
- Decreased activity
- Discomfort at vaccination site
- Swelling at vaccination site

To make your dog more comfortable, you can try:

- Cool compresses for 5-15 minutes up to 3 times daily
- Massaging the injection site

Benadryl (Diphenhydramine) can be given up to 3 times a day (every 8 hours) following vaccine administration. **Do not give Benadryl-D or any other combination products!**

- **Small Dogs (Children's Benadryl 12.5mg/tsp)**
 - 1 pound = 0.4ml
 - 5 pounds = 2ml
 - 10 pounds = 4ml
- **Larger Dogs (25mg capsules/caplets)**
 - 25 pounds = 1 capsule
 - 50 pounds = 2 capsules
 - 100 pounds = 4 capsules

More serious side effects, though less frequent, can also occur within minutes to hours following vaccination. Symptoms of more severe vaccine reactions include: vomiting, swelling of the face and eyes, difficulty breathing, and collapse. Contact the office immediately if any of these more serious side effects are noted or if mild signs persist for longer than 48 hours.



Thank you for visiting us!
If you have any questions, please call us at the office.