

VACCINE ALLERGIC REACTIONS IN DOGS AND CATS



What is considered normal?

After vaccination, it is usual for pets to return to home and re-engage in normal activity; however, since vaccination is inflammatory by nature, sometimes there are symptoms for a couple of days:

- PAIN AT INJECTION SITE
- MILD FEVER
- LETHARGY
- RELUCTANCE TO PLAY OR EXERCISE
- REDUCED APPETITE
- SNEEZING AFTER A NASAL VACCINE

These are considered normal for the vaccination process. If these reactions are seen, there is no reason to alter vaccination recommendations or plans for the patient's future.

What is not normal and when is treatment required?

Occasionally, a reaction is extreme and potentially dangerous. As vaccine technology has advanced, these reactions are rarer, but it is important to know when to take action. The following symptoms are more serious and your veterinarian should be notified at once, especially if they occur within hours of receiving the vaccine:

- VOMITING OR DIARRHEA
- FACIAL SWELLING HIVES
- COLLAPSE/FAINTING
- DIFFICULTY BREATHING

These symptoms can be part of an anaphylactic reaction, which is more extreme and potentially life-threatening in its most severe form. Any symptoms from this list should be taken seriously and future vaccination plans should be altered to avoid more severe problems.