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Vaccine Reactions

Reactions:

- **Decreased Appetite**
- **Mild Fever**
- **Mild Vomiting or Diarrhea**
- **Mild Lethargy**

These mild reactions usually do not last more than 24 hours. If your pet exhibits any of these symptoms, or they persist longer than 24 hours, call the office to discuss them.

Rarely, pets may experience more serious conditions soon after vaccination including:

- **Swelling of the face or ears**
- **Hives or significant itching**
- **Difficulty breathing**
- **Significant lethargy**
- **Significant vomiting or diarrhea**
- **Fluid build up or infection at the injection sight**

If your pet exhibits any of these signs, call us back immediately. He or she might need medications to treat the reaction. Please contact the local emergency clinic if problems occur after regular business hours. Adverse reactions can not be predicted ahead of time.

Occasionally, pets that have received injectable vaccinations develop a localized reaction indicated by a small hard lump under the skin where the vaccines were administered. Please let us know if this occurs, a recheck may be in order. These lumps may take 1-3 weeks to appear and 2-6 weeks to fade. They usually do not require treatment.

Very seldom, pets that have received a rabies vaccination may develop a small bald spot at the injection site. Please contact us if this occurs. These spots are merely cosmetic but in rare cases may be permanent.

Pets receiving the nasal form of the Bordetella vaccine may experience a mild upper respiratory reaction approximately 5-7 days later. These pets may have a very mild sneeze or runny nose for 2-3 days. Call and let us know if this occurs.