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What to Expect: After your pet's vaccinations

It is possible for pets to experience mild side effects after receiving a vaccine, usually starting within hours of the vaccination. If these side effects last for more than a day or two, or cause your pet significant discomfort, please contact Roscoe Village Animal Hospital.

- Discomfort and local swelling at the vaccination site, you can place a cold compress on the area.
- Mild fever
- Decreased appetite and activity
- May be more tired for 24 hours
- Sneezing, mild coughing or other respiratory signs may occur 2-3 days after your pet receives an intranasal vaccine

More serious, but rare side effects, such as allergic reactions, may occur within 30 minutes to a few hours after vaccination. Allergic reactions happen in less than 0.5% of all vaccines given.

Seek veterinary care immediately if any of these signs develop:

- Persistent vomiting or diarrhea
- Itchy skin that may seem bumpy ("hives")
- Swelling of the muzzle and around the face, neck, or eyes
- Severe coughing or difficulty breathing
- Collapse

A small, firm swelling under the skin may develop at the site of a recent vaccination. It should start to disappear within a couple weeks. If it persists more than 4 weeks, or seems to be getting larger, you should contact your veterinarian.

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