**WHAT TO LOOK FOR AFTER YOUR PET’S VACCINATION**

By focusing on preventive health care, you are taking an important step in keeping your friend happy and healthy for years to come.

The vaccine that your pet received today was designed to stimulate a specific immune response to help protect them against illness in the event of future exposure to the actual disease. Vaccines provide proven life-saving benefits and are associated with minimal risks. Most dogs and cats respond favorably following vaccine administration with minimal to no adverse consequences. However, vaccinating any patient carries some risk.

**Injection site**

Sometimes a small firm swelling (“lump”) may develop at the injection site. This is expected to resolve within 1 month. Contact us if the swelling:

* Is still painful after 2-3 days
* Continues to grow
* Persists beyond 1 month

**Short-term nonspecific side effects**

Your pet may display short-lived side effects for up to 1-2 days, following the administration of any vaccine.

* Reduced appetite or loss of appetite (lasting for one to two feedings)
* Pain at the injection site
* Lethargy (lack of activity)
* Tired
* Reluctance to walk/run
* Mild fever

Contact us if *any* of these signs progressively worsen or continue beyond 1-2 days

**Allergic reactions**

Contact us ***immediately*** if your pet develops any of these less common but more serious signs:

* Vomiting
* Diarrhea
* Collapse
* Difficulty breathing
* Facial swelling
* Itchy or bumpy skin (“hives”)

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