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## What to Watch for After Vaccinations

Your pet has just received vaccinations. Protection against infectious diseases is an important part of keeping your pet healthy. There are some side effects of vaccinations, some normal and some abnormal, to be aware of.

It is normal for your pet to be a little sleepy, less energetic, and have a mild fever for up to 2 days after receiving vaccinations.

Your pet may be a little sore or sensitive in the areas where the vaccines were given for up to 2 days. If your pet seems uncomfortable or painful, call us, we can discuss the problem, and possibly prescribe anti-inflammatory pain medication.

Small lumps, ranging from the size of a pea to the size of a marble, may form where the vaccines were given. This is often normal and resolves within 3 weeks. If the lump persists beyond 3 weeks then call us and we may want to examine your pet.

Severe, life-threatening, allergic reactions to vaccines are rare, but do occur. Usually they occur within 4 hours of receiving a vaccine, but occasionally occur up to 2 days after vaccination. Symptoms to watch for include swelling of the eyelids, swelling of the lips and muzzle, bright red rash on the belly or chest, or repeated vomiting. If you notice any of these symptoms, bring your pet to us or, if it is after business hours, take it to an emergency clinic right away.

If you have any other questions please call us.