



Bridgeport Veterinary Hospital

What to watch for after vaccines

It is common for pets to experience some or all of the following 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, it is important for you to contact BVH:

- Discomfort and local swelling at the vaccination site
- Mild fever
- Decreased appetite and activity
- Sneezing, mild coughing, "snotty nose" or other respiratory signs may occur 2-5 days after your pet receives an intranasal vaccine

More serious, but less common side effects, such as allergic reactions, may occur within minutes to hours after vaccination. These reactions can be considered medical emergencies. Please call BVH to report any of these symptoms and receive treatment recommendations.

- 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 for more than three weeks, or seems to be getting larger, you should contact BVH.

Always inform your veterinarian if your pet has had prior reactions to any vaccine or medication.

If your pet experiences any symptoms that you are concerned about or if you have any questions. Please contact:

Bridgeport Veterinary Hospital 610-277-8387

reception@bridgeportveterinary.com

If it is outside of regular business hours, please contact one of the following 24 hour emergency centers:

VSEC, Conshohocken - 484-567-7999

Metropolitan Veterinary Associates, Audubon - 610-666-1050