

## Vaccination Discharge Instructions

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"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Vaccinations are an important part of your pet's preventative health care. They protect your pet from several serious and potentially fatal diseases. Some vaccines also help prevent diseases that can be passed from animals to people ("zoonotic"). See your invoice for vaccines that your pet received today.

It is normal for your pet to experience mild side effects following vaccination. The majority of side effects are mild, temporary (resolving within 24-48 hours), and do not require veterinary medical attention. If these side effects last longer than two days or seem severe, please have your pet seen by a veterinarian.

### **Common Vaccine Side Effects:**

- \* **Lethargy or decreased activity level:** Your pet may seem more tired than usual or may be less interested in playing. This is a common reaction and usually resolves within a day or two. Provide a quiet and comfortable place for your pet to rest.
- \* **Mild fever:** A slight increase in body temperature can occur after vaccination. This is usually mild and resolves on its own. If you are concerned about your pet's temperature, please contact us or have them seen by a veterinarian.
- \* **Decreased appetite:** Your pet may eat less than usual for a day or two after vaccination. Offer small, frequent meals of palatable food (ie: boiled chicken and rice). If your dog refuses to eat for more than 48 hours, please contact us or have them seen by a veterinarian.
- \* **Local swelling or pain at the injection site:** A small, firm lump may develop at the injection site. This is a normal reaction and usually disappears within a few weeks. If the swelling is large, painful, or remains longer than 3 weeks, please contact us or have them seen by a veterinarian.
- \* **Sneezing or mild coughing:** These symptoms can occur after intranasal or oral vaccines, such as Bordetella. They are usually mild and resolve within a few days.

### **Rare, but Serious Vaccine Reactions:**

Other less common but more serious side effects can occur within minutes to hours of vaccination. These reactions are considered to be veterinary medical emergencies, and you should seek veterinary care immediately if any of the following occur:

- \* **Facial swelling or hives (raised, itchy bumps on the body)**
- \* **Difficulty breathing**
- \* **Persistent vomiting or diarrhea**
- \* **Collapse or fainting**

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***Hunt PRN Veterinary Services is not an emergency facility. If your pet experiences severe vaccine reactions, seek immediate care with your nearest full-service or emergency veterinarian.***

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