



Beaver County Humane Society

Post-Vaccine Clinic Instructions

Beaver County Humane Society does not provide follow-up or after-hours emergency care.

Vaccines are important for our pets to prevent life-threatening disease, reduce the spread of infection, and to meet legal requirements (e.g. Rabies vaccine). Vaccines work by stimulating the immune system to recognize and fight harmful pathogens.

Most pet vaccine side effects are mild, appear within hours, and resolve in 24-48 hours.

❖ **MILD** responses include:

- **Lethargy**
- **Low-grade fever**
- **Reduced appetite**
- **Minor swelling or soreness at the injection site**

In rare cases, severe or life-threatening allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) can occur, usually within minutes to a few hours after the injection. Seek **immediate veterinary attention** if your pet shows any of these symptoms:

❖ **Immediate Warning Signs**

- **Facial swelling** (puffiness around the eyes, lips, or ears)
- **Hives or severe itching**
- **Difficulty breathing** or wheezing
- **Persistent vomiting or diarrhea**
- **Collapse** or extreme lethargy
- **Pale gums**

Certain pets may have a higher chance of experiencing side effects of pet vaccinations.

Higher-risk pets include:

- Puppies and kittens receiving multiple vaccines at once
- Small breed dogs
- Pets with a history of allergic reactions
- Older pets with underlying health conditions

Post-Vaccination Care Tips:

- **Provide a quiet space** to let your pet rest without too much activity.
- **Monitor closely** for any unusual symptoms.
- **Offer fresh water and food**, even if appetite is low.
- **Avoid strenuous exercise** for at least 24 hours.
- **Check the injection site** and look for swelling or redness.



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If you suspect that your pet is having a **MILD** or **SEVERE** vaccine reaction, please contact your primary veterinarian's office or one of the following options:

Rainbow Veterinary Hospital

129 PA-168
Darlington, PA 16115
724-843-5443

BluePearl Pet Hospital

807 Camp Horne Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
(412) 366-3400

Open 24 hours

BluePearl Pet Hospital

1535 Washington Rd.
Washington, PA 15301
(724) 809-2000

Open 24 hours

PetWell Clinic- Accepts walk-ins
14 Quaker Village Shopping Center
Leetsdale, PA 15056
412-259-8068

VCA Five Points Animal Hospital

2057 Brodhead Rd.
Aliquippa, PA 15001
724-375-7505

Rivers Veterinary Urgent Care

560 McNeilly Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15226
412-998-9030

Safe Haven Veterinary Hospital

13085 Perry Hwy
Wexford, PA 15090
724-591-8393

Big Rock Veterinary Hospital

910 3rd Ave
New Brighton, PA 15066
724-624-7114