

Vaccine Reactions

Millions of dogs get vaccinated every year, which is an essential step in protecting them from disease. The vast majority of dogs don't have any adverse effect from vaccinations. A few dogs, however, will experience a vaccine reaction.

Vaccine reactions are usually benign and consist of pain and/or swelling at the site of the injection, fever, and a bit of lethargy for a day.

Some dogs may experience a more severe reaction with diarrhea and/or swelling (usually in the face). If your dog experiences any of these signs, call us or one of the after-hours clinics.

Rarely, a dog can experience a life threatening vaccine reaction called anaphylactic shock. The main signs are pale gums and weakness, and can also include vomiting. This is an emergency, so if your dogs shows these signs, take him/her to the closest veterinarian immediately.

For after-hours emergencies:

- **Kingston:** Kingston Regional Pet Hospital
1381 Midland Ave, Kingston.
(613) 634-5370
- **Belleville:** Prince Edward & Hastings County Pet Hospital
5529 Hwy 62 South, Unit 2-5, RR7, Belleville
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