

Vaccine Reactions

Millions of cats get vaccinated every year, which is an essential step in protecting them from disease. Vaccine reactions in cats are very rare, but a few cats 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 cats may experience a more severe reaction with loss of appetite, and/or diarrhea. If your cat experiences any of these signs, call us or one of the after-hours clinics.

Very rarely, a cat can experience a life threatening vaccine reaction called anaphylactic shock. The most notable signs are pale gums and weakness, but vomiting is also possible. This is an emergency, so if your cat shows these signs, take him/her to the closest veterinarian.

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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