

## Canine Vaccine Discharge Sheet

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Your dog received a vaccination today. Vaccines stimulate your pet's immune system to make antibodies to fight diseases they may be exposed to. It is fairly common for your pet to experience some or all of the following mild side effects. These side effects can start immediately or within several hours after a vaccination has been administered and typically last no longer than a couple days:

- Mild fever
- Decreased activity/appetite
- Discomfort or swelling at vaccination site
- Sneezing (or other respiratory signs), following intranasal vaccine

A few things to make your dog more comfortable:

- Massage the site of the vaccine on the day of administration
- Use an ice pack wrapped in a towel to cool pack the vaccine site for 5-15 minutes on the day of vaccination. This can be repeated up to 3 times daily
- Benadryl (Diphenhydramine only, do NOT give Benadryl-D or any other combination product) can be given up to 3 times a day following administration of vaccines...

For smaller dogs, use children's liquid (12.5mg/tsp)

Give 0.4ml per pound of body weight

1 pound = 0.4ml

5 pounds = 2ml

10 pounds = 4ml

For larger dogs, use 25mg capsules/caplets

25 pounds = 1 capsule/caplet

50 pounds = 2 capsules/caplet

100 pounds = 4 capsules/caplets

Occasionally, serious, but rare, side effects can occur minutes to hours after a vaccination has been administered. The signs of a reaction include: vomiting, swelling of the face and eyes, difficulty breathing and/or collapse. Contact the hospital immediately if any of these more serious side effects are noted or if mild signs persist more than 48 hours.

