



## VACCINE CLINIC VISIT SUMMARY

### IF YOUR PET RECEIVED VACCINES TODAY:

**It is not uncommon for some pets to experience mild side effects following vaccination**, similar to those that humans experience. Rarely does a pet need veterinary medical attention for these normal reactions. Some of the most common mild side effects seen after immunization include:

Redness, mild swelling, and tenderness at the vaccination site

Decreased activity levels (fatigue)

Loss of appetite

Low-grade fever

Nasal discharge, sneezing, coughing, or other respiratory symptoms, which may occur up to 2 to 4 days after an intranasal vaccine (vaccination with drops or sprays via the nostrils) is administered

If any of these signs lasts more than 24 hours or if your pet appears extremely uncomfortable, we encourage you to notify your regular full-service veterinarian. If you feel that your pet is having a reaction to a vaccine, you may call us at **559-636-4050** Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm to schedule a re-check for non-life threatening reactions. If you feel your pet is experiencing a medical emergency, we encourage you to seek care at an emergency veterinary facility.

It is also common for a pet to develop a small, firm nodule at the vaccination site. It should begin to shrink and vanish within 14 days. If the swelling lasts longer than 3 weeks or appears to get larger or more painful, contact your regular veterinarian.

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

Collapse or fainting

Difficulty breathing

Persistent and severe coughing

Small, red, raised, itchy bumps over the body (hives)

Swollen or puffy eyes, muzzle, or face

Persistent vomiting or diarrhea

Tulare County Animal Services can perform re-checks on our services at no charge Monday-Friday between 8am-5pm. Tulare County Animal Services DOES NOT assume responsibility for emergency medical bills and any emergency treatment sought will be your financial responsibility.

**The vast majority of pets are vaccinated without any problems each year.** Closely monitor your pet and report any problems to your regular veterinarian as soon as possible. Vaccines save countless lives and prevent devastating infectious diseases from threatening our pet loved ones. If you have any questions or concerns, please discuss them with your veterinarian.