





- Breathing difficulty
- Cold ears, legs and feet
- [Seizures](#)
- A pounding heart beat
- [Collapse](#)

**Take your pet straight to the vets if they are having a severe allergic reaction.** If possible, try to phone your vets on the way so they can prepare for your arrival.

## When to contact your vet

If your pet is suffering mild side effects after a vaccination, monitor them and call your vet for advice if you are concerned, if their condition gets worse, or if their symptoms last for more than 24-48 hours.

**Contact your vet immediately if your pet is having an allergic reaction.**

## Why vaccinate?

Negative media coverage around vaccination side effects in recent years has raised concerns for many people. However, it's important to remember that **the benefits of vaccination far outweigh the small risk of a vaccine reaction.**

Vaccinations have been so effective in recent times, that we hardly see some of the diseases we vaccinate against anymore. However, we do still see them in areas where vaccination rates are low. If we all stopped vaccinating our pets it would only be a matter of time before we started to see a rise in the diseases we can easily protect against, and in many cases these are very serious diseases which can be fatal

## Feline injection site sarcomas

Cats have a very small risk of injection site sarcomas (a type of cancer that forms underneath the skin) at the injection site of a vaccine, microchip or medicine. These are very rare speak to your vet for more information.

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