



ALLERGIC REACTIONS TO VACCINATIONS

Thank you for choosing Arizona Spay Neuter for your pet's vaccines. You have given your pet the gift of protection from deadly diseases! Most pets have no trouble from their vaccines, but RARELY a pet will have a "bad reaction" that can be dangerous to his health. Please read this handout for information you should know about your pet and his vaccinations.

The vaccines given to your pet are among the finest and most advanced in the world today. Most patients respond to vaccines in a very predictable and safe manner. We don't know why, but other patients occasionally have a reaction to vaccines that is not safe for the patient. This is known as an ALLERGIC REACTION. These reactions are **not** due to the brand of vaccine, the veterinarian who administers it, or the environment at the clinic. An allergic reaction is a bizarre, exaggerated response of the pet's immune system to a substance that poses little or no threat to his body. Your pet can have an allergic reaction to many different things, such as spider bites, medications, even foods.

If your pet has an allergic reaction, you may see his face swell (especially the upper lips and eyelids), there may be swollen patches on his head, ears, neck and body (hives), he may vomit repeatedly, he may have trouble breathing, and he may even faint. If the allergic reaction is mild, many patients recover on their own, but it is dangerous to assume your pet needs no treatment during an allergic reaction. The reaction can become much worse with no warning and it can result in death if it is not controlled.

If your pet has an allergic reaction, we recommend you call Animal Emergency Service at 326-7449. The treatment that your pet receives may vary depending on the severity of the reaction.

Any pet that has had an allergic reaction in the past is a candidate for another one the next time he is vaccinated. This is NOT a reason to stop vaccinating your pet. If your pet has an allergic reaction to a vaccine at our Shot Clinic, we recommend you have your pet's **next** vaccines done at a full-service veterinary office and have him observed for the day afterward, in case there is another reaction.