



Your horse has just been vaccinated. What can you expect?

Vaccination is one of the best and most cost-effective ways to prevent many infectious diseases in your horse. Vaccines are highly effective at stimulating the immune system and elicit an immune response that will result in protection against specific diseases. This internal defense system continues to build and remains strong for a period of time, acting as a memory to protect your horse if they are exposed to these diseases later on.

The immunization process has an impact on the way some animals, and people for that matter, feel after receiving a vaccine. As a result of this stimulation of the immune system, it is not uncommon for horses to experience mild and short-term effects shortly after vaccination.



Some animals display no symptoms at all while others may appear fatigued, temporarily stop eating, have a slight fever (lasting 24–48 hours), or show mild pain (or swelling) at the vaccination site. These symptoms are an indication that the immune system has been stimulated by the vaccine(s) and the horse is mounting an immune response. In most cases, horses can be managed with a little "TLC" or no intervention.

However, if these symptoms persist for more than 48 hours or if you are concerned it is recommended to contact your veterinarian.



In rare occasions, horses may experience allergic reactions following vaccination. These signs of allergic reaction usually occur within 30 minutes to a few hours after the administration of the vaccine, so it is recommended that your horse should be observed for a few hours after vaccination.

Contact your veterinarian immediately if you observe signs of colic, hives or difficulty breathing.

| EXPECTED SYMPTOMS (lasting less than 48 hours) | UNEXPECTED SIDE EFFECTS warranting a call to your veterinarian |
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| Vaccination-site soreness and swelling | Side effects that last more than 48 hours |
| Decreased appetiteFatigue | Horse completely stops eating or drinking |
| • Fever | • Colic |
| • Lack of energy and alertness | Hives |
| | Difficulty breathing |
| | Collapse |
| | Any other signs of concern |

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