

Why should my pet be vaccinated?

Every one of us (including your pets) are born with an immune system. The immune system is what protects us from bacteria and viruses. These viruses and bacteria can cause life threatening diseases in your pet.

Vaccines:

- Strengthen the immune system to help fight off viruses .
- Protect the body
- Are a safe and effective way to prevent your pet from getting seriously sick or dying.
- Keep pets Healthy and Happy!



Community Spay and Neuter

The NWT SPCA Community Spay and Neuter Program helps families get their pets fixed so they do not have puppies or kittens. For \$350, an owner can send in their pet to us and have them spayed or neutered, vaccinated and dewormed. The pet will be sent back to the owner after the surgery. The benefits of this program are very positive as it can help control the population of dogs in northern communities and it helps keep the animals healthy and everyone safe. Please email us at medical@nwtspca.com for more information.



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Do vaccines have any side effects?

The vaccine itself is not harmful. It is the disease we are protecting the body from that is dangerous.



You can expect some side effects from the vaccine, but these are normal and part of the body's way of strengthening the immune system.

Some normal things you may notice:

- **Soreness**
- **Lethargy**
- **Mild Fever**
- **Small lump at injection site**
- **Diarrea**

Allergic reactions are possible. Be sure to look out for these symptoms.

- **Swelling of face**
- **Hives (red bumps on skin)**
- **Vomiting continuously**

How to take care of your pet after Vaccines?

Vaccinations are a quick injections usually given under the skin. After a vaccination you may notice a small lump. This is normal! Putting a cold compress on the area will help reduce swelling.

Your pet may lose their appetite temporarily after a vaccination. Try to give them something that they really love like beef or fish.

Your pet may also be a little tired for a day or two. This is also normal.



Keep them calm, relaxed and make sure they keep eating and drinking.

When should I Vaccinate my pet?

Making sure your pets have their vaccinations up to date help keep them safe and healthy. At the NWT SPCA, we vaccinate to protect our animals from common harmful diseases found in dogs and cats.

It is recommended that puppies have 3 booster vaccines before they are 6 months old and then each year after that.

Vaccines NWT SPCA provides:

- ✓ **CANINE PARVOVIRUS (PARVO)**
- ✓ **ADENOVIRUS**
- ✓ **BORDATELLA (KENNEL COUGH)**
- ✓ **PARAINFLUENZA**
- ✓ **DISTEMPER**
- ✓ **CARONAVIRUS**
- ✓ **RABIES**

