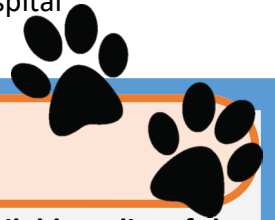


# THE FOUR PAWS PRESS

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## VETERINARY SPECIALISTS

**Pet owners are often unaware that the veterinary field has so many specialists available. A list of the most common certifications can help you feel more comfortable if you ever need a specialist.**

AABP– American Assoc. of Bovine Practitioners

AAFP– American Assoc. of Feline Practitioners

ABT– American Board of Toxicology

ABVT– American Board of Veterinary Toxicology

ACPV– American College of Poultry Veterinarians

ACVA– Amer. Coll. of Veterinary Anesthesiologists

ACVCP– Amer. Coll. Of Veterinary Clin. Pharm

ACVECC– Am. Coll. Of Vet. Emergency/Critical Care

ACVM– Amer. Coll. of Veterinary Microbiologists

ACVO– Amer. Coll. of Veterinary Ophthalmologists

ACVPM– Amer. Coll. Of Vet. Preventative Medicine

ACVS– American College of Veterinary Surgeons

ASVCP– Amer. Soc. For Vet. Clinical Pathology

AAEP– American Assoc. of Equine Practitioners

AAVP– American Assoc. Veterinary Pathologists

ABVP– American Board of Veterinary Practitioners

ACLAM– American College of Lab Animal Medicine

ACT– American College of Theriogenologists (repro)

ACVB– American College of Veterinary Behaviorists

ACVD– Amer. College of Veterinary Dermatology

ACVIM– Amer. Coll. Of Veterinary Internal Med.

ACVN– American College of Veterinary Nutrition

ACVP– American College of Veterinary Pathologists

ACVR– American College of Veterinary Radiology

ACZM– American College of Zoological Medicine

AVDC– American Veterinary Dental College



UPCOMING SEMINARS:

### NE OHIO WINTER BEEF CLINIC

OSU Extension and Ashtabula Co. Cattlemen's Assoc.

**Dr. Kocab will speak about Cattle Reproduction!**

March 12th at 6:30pm

RSVP to free event at (440) 576 9008

### COUNTRY NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

**Dr. Olszak and Dr. Kocab will speak about Animal Care and Preventative Medicine!**

March 15th at 10:30am

For more info call (440) 437 6311

Everyone welcome!



WORD OF THE MONTH:

## TOXICOLOGY

*Noun*

The branch of science concerned with the nature, effects, and detection of poisons



COMING SOON:

## Low-cost Spay and Neuter clinic for Cats!



There will be an information meeting with pet sign-up in the near future!

Turn page for more info!

# What to Expect After Your Pet's Vaccination

It is common for pets to experience some or all of the following mild side effects after receiving a vaccine, usually starting within hours of the vaccination. If these side effects last for more than a day or two, or cause your pet significant discomfort, it is important for you to contact your veterinarian:

- Discomfort and local swelling at the vaccination site
  - Mild fever
  - Decreased activity
  - Decreased appetite
  - Sneezing, mild coughing, snotty nose or other respiratory signs
- may occur 2-5 days after an intranasal vaccine

More serious, but less common side effects, such as allergic reactions, may occur within minutes to hours after vaccination. These reactions can be life-threatening and are medical emergencies.

- Persistent vomiting or diarrhea
- Hives
- Swelling of the face
- Severe coughing or difficulty breathing
- Collapse

A small, firm swelling under the skin may develop at the site of a recent vaccination. It should start to disappear within a couple weeks. If it persists more than 3 weeks, or seems to be getting larger, you should contact your veterinarian. Always inform your veterinarian if your pet has had prior reactions to any vaccine or medication. If in doubt, wait 30-60 minutes following vaccination before taking your pet home.

*Courtesy of the American Veterinary Medical Association*



## HAPPY HOOVES HIGHLIGHTS



### The Five M's of Downer Cows

Downer cow syndrome results in a cow laying down and unable to stand. There are many causes of downer cow syndrome, with more prevalence in dairy cows after calving.

1. **Metabolic Diseases:** Milk fever, nervous ketosis, others
2. **Metritis:** A toxic infection of the uterus following calving
3. **Mastitis:** Coliform mastitis or sometimes Staph. aureus
4. **Musculoskeletal/neurologic Injury:** Calving paralysis, bone fractures, etc.
5. **Massive Peritonitis:** Infection in the abdomen; Ruptured abomasal ulcer, hardware disease, full-thickness uterine tear, intestinal accident

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