



## Take Action – Report Reactions!

**Why:** The USDA [collects adverse events](#) from both Veterinarians and Pet owners.. [From those reports, reviews can be done.](#) Starting in December 2019, it becomes mandatory for the vaccine manufacturers begin submitting all report to the USDA. We, the pet owners can and must also participate by reporting adverse reactions to the USDA.

**Why are adverse reactions under reported:** It is widely known that vaccine adverse events are widely under reported. Here are some factors:

- On Websites and Facebook are many vaccine Injury sites. While it may be helpful to share the experience with others, it does not constitute reporting.  
**This will not drive the change – Reporting will!**
- Feelings of guilt.
- Your dog may begin to get better or it may die and after a while it's forgotten.
- Complacency "the products are usually safe" or "it's an unfortunate side effect."
- Unaware of the need to report.
- Questioning your own suspicion.
- Suspicion that the USDA would ignore. However, they are in a place of authority and oversight and are taking steps to make improvements.
- A veterinarian may have the notion that reporting is only necessary if there is a "bad batch".
- However, the reporting [is not limited to major events](#). "An adverse event is any undesirable occurrence after the use of a biological product".
- Veterinarians may fear being sued or blamed.
- Veterinarians are busy and get side tracked. We the pet owners can encourage our veterinarians to report reactions. [Share this letter with them.](#)
- If your pet has a reaction it is perfectly reasonable to firmly insist that your they report it to the USDA and the Manufacturer AND send you a copy.
- Forward a copy to Dr Robb - They are needed to take up the fight in the legislatures! He's the voice that stood up to corruption! (drrobb@protectthepets.com)

**Limitation** – The reporting system is designed to monitor vaccine products that have not expired. Therefore, reporting is TIME SENSITIVE.

### **To increase reporting:**

- Pet owners and veterinarians should both be concerned with vaccine safety. Vaccine reactions can happen immediately or take days to weeks to months to occur. If you suspect a reaction, report it.
- In completing the report provide all the information requested to empower change.
- As a pet owner you are entitled to your pet's records. Many clinics use software systems that enable them to immediately send records via email upon request. Providing you with your pet's medical record is a legal requirement. Please request your pet's records as soon as you suspect a vaccine reaction.
- Important information to obtain from the medical record will be vaccine brand, serial Number and expiring date.

**READY** – gather your records if you don't have them.

**SET** – currently only online reporting or calling is available.

**GO** – Below is a cheat sheet to help you with reporting.

You can also ask for help by calling the USDA, but please ask them to send you a copy.

**IMPACT** – At the end of the report email or print your report

- ✓ Share your reporting via social media to encourage others (include these instructions)
- ✓ Email to Dr Robb – in the subject line put USDA report and your State
- ✓ Share with your Protect the Pets State Coordinator so they can show policymakers
- ✓ Email to your State Veterinary board – especially if you were not told about the risk factors or they discounted the adverse vaccine event.



## The CHEAT SHEET

**Go to the [reporting Site](#). ([Canadians](#))** - Online reporting is preferred by the USDA, but they are more than willing to help with questions or take reports if you don't have access to a computer. The report populates different screens and are summarized once they are completed. A pdf should be available December 2018.

**The first section** wants to know if a report was submitted to manufacturer. USDA encourages reporting to both but if you only do one, use the USDA reporting link. If you want to take the extra step, you can also download the summary to the Protect the Pets Portal with your pet's photo. These reports have been an asset to planning and education.

### **Patient Section**

No. of animals exposed: 1

No of animals treated:

No of dead animals:

Numbers are approximate

Species: Dog/Cat/other pet

Breed: (Drop Down Box)

Mixed with: put N if it is a purebred

Gender: M/F

Status:

Age from:

Units

Age to:

**This section is designed for one or multiple animals. An asterisk "\*" is a required field. For individual animals there is NO reason to answer questions about multiple animals.**

Units

Weight from:

Weight Unit

Condition of animal prior to use of product:

## **Reporter**

Primary reporter?

This section is self-explanatory and additional reporter may be listed

Sender: /Producer/Employee

First name:

Last name:

Address 1:

City

State:

Zip

Country:

E-mail

## **Events**

Date of onset of event () This is a drop-down box.

Date is approx.:

Duration of suspected adverse event:

Duration Unit: ()

What was the final outcome: the option "sequelae" (additional issues or factors)

Description of the event (Narrative):  - [Categories of reactions by AAHA](#)

## **Products**

Product role: ()

Licensed Establishment:

[Product Code:](#)

Scroll down and there is a search tool

Generic (True Name)

Serial number

Expiration date (DD-MM-YYYY)

Problem type: Adverse Reaction

If lower dose was used that would be consider "Off-Label" type

Was product used as per label instructions? **Yes** if full dose

Has patient experienced adverse events from this product

before? Route of administration [Answer only if known](#)

Start date (DD-MM-YYY): [Not applicable to vaccines](#)

End Date (DD-MM-YYY):

Dose Amount: 1

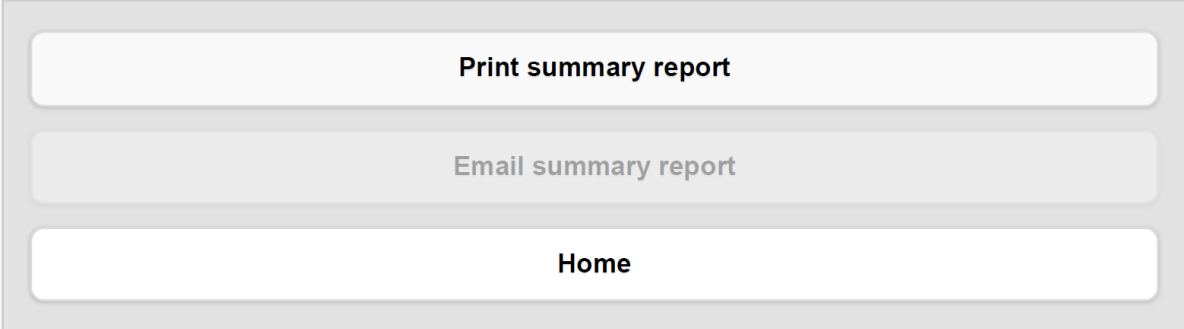
Time between administration and event:

Units: [\(select time unit\)](#)

Who administered the product: Attending Vet ([rabies vaccine must be given by a veterinarian](#))

Attending Vet's level of suspicion: [\(your observation goes can go into narrative\)](#)

Once your report is submitted, you will have the options as shown in the box below. Veterinary records, labs or necropsies should be submitted. **PLEASE retain a copy for sharing!**



The image shows a screenshot of a user interface with three buttons arranged vertically. The top button is labeled "Print summary report", the middle button is labeled "Email summary report", and the bottom button is labeled "Home". The buttons are light gray with rounded corners and are set against a white background.

**YEA!!! You did it, now take the next step and share this blog and your report with others!**

*Thank You!*