

# **The Family Vet**

## ***Personal Care for Pets***

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### ***Client Notes for Rudy Kise for 06/21/09:***

***Rudy's Weight: 22.9 Lbs***

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Your (case-sensitive) password is: Kise

Rudy has a soft lump under his skin in the middle of his shoulders. The swelling is about 2 cm in diameter, non-painful and easily moved around. No signs of trauma. It's very likely a local reaction to the rabies vaccine given on 5/24/09. The vaccine was given on his right shoulder but can cause a local reaction on the nearby region.

In dogs, the risk of vaccine-associated sarcoma (cancer) is not as notable as in cats. In dogs, the swelling is usually an inflammatory reaction, a local reaction to the vaccine. As long as it is not bothering him, we will continue to monitor the size for now. It should slowly get smaller in the next 3-4 weeks. If any increase in size or discomfort, we will pursue diagnostics (starting with cytology of the swelling) and consider surgery to remove. Surgical removal is rarely needed in DOGS (different if in cats).

For now, continue to monitor the size. Apply a moist warm compress to the swelling for 10 minutes twice daily may help you monitor the swelling easier. You can apply the compress for the next week.

Unless problems, schedule a courtesy treatment appointment in 3-4 weeks for us to check the swelling..tnt