

# DVMetrics Client Information Sheets for Veterinary Medications



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## AMOXICILLIN - Full Version

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### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

A broad-spectrum antibiotic commonly used to treat many bacterial infections in dogs and cats (e.g. bite wounds, dental infections, respiratory tract, gastrointestinal and urinary tract infections). **Amoxicillin** is available by prescription from your licensed veterinarian as tablets or as an oral suspension.

### WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

- A broad-spectrum, synthetic member of the penicillin class; an antibiotic
- Given by mouth

### REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

- Because of its broad-spectrum nature, it is useful against many bacteria infections and is frequently used when bacteria sensitivity is unknown
- Especially useful in anaerobic infections (infections that are caused by bacteria that can grow without oxygen)
- Often used in: bite wound infections, upper respiratory tract infections, dental infections, gastrointestinal tract infections, urinary tract infections

### ANIMAL PRECAUTIONS:

- This medication is labeled for use in cats and dogs and should be administered only when and as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian
- **Use of this medication in any other species should be in consultation with a veterinarian**
- Use of this prescribed medication in animals with any of the following conditions should be limited to those who are under the supervision of a veterinarian:
  - Kidney or heart disease
  - Dehydrated
- Safety has not been established in:

- Very small animals
- Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to penicillin or similar antibiotics should not be given this medication

## **DIRECTIONS:**

Read and follow the prescription label carefully.

Give the exact amount prescribed and only as often as directed.

Give this medication for as long as your veterinarian directs. Do not skip doses or stop giving the medication without consulting your veterinarian. Missed doses reduce the effectiveness of therapy.

Baseline blood work may be recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this medication. Periodic blood work may be recommended to monitor this medication's effects on the body. Dose adjustments may be made based upon these results and an assessment of how your dog or cat is responding clinically.

Discuss with your veterinarian if this medication is to be given with food. If your pet experiences digestive upset following medication administration, try offering with a small amount of food or a treat.

This medication will take effect quickly, in about 1 to 2 hours, but its effects may not be visibly noticeable for a few days.

Call ahead for refills.

Ideally, give this medication at the same time(s) daily.

## **WHAT IF DOSE IS MISSED?**

If a dose is missed, give it as soon as you can. If it is time already for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to the normal schedule. Do not give two doses at the same time.

## **WHAT TO TELL/ASK YOUR VETERINARIAN BEFORE GIVING THIS MEDICATION?**

Talk to your veterinarian about:

- When will your pet need to be rechecked
- What tests may need to be performed prior to and during treatment with this drug
- What are the safety concerns when using this product in different species
- Risks and benefits of using this drug

Tell your veterinarian about:

- If your pet has experienced side effects on other drugs/products
- If your pet has experienced digestive upset now or ever
- If your pet has experienced liver or kidney disease now or ever
- If your pet has experienced any other medical problems or allergies now or ever

- All medicines and supplements that you are giving your pet or plan to give your pet, including those you can get without a prescription. Your veterinarian may want to check that all of your pet's medicines can be given together.
- If your pet is pregnant or nursing or if you plan to breed your pet

## STORAGE AND WARNINGS:

Store suspension in the refrigerator. Discard reconstituted suspension in two weeks.

Store tablets at room temperature in a cool, dry place. Keep away from heat and direct sunlight.

Keep this and all medication out of reach of children and pets. Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take this product.

People with allergies to penicillins or beta-lactam antibiotics should not handle this drug since allergic reactions could occur from contact.

## POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

- Nausea may be experienced. Give the medication with food to reduce effect.
- Decreased appetite, drooling, diarrhea, vomiting
- Allergic reactions are rare, but if your pet shows irregular breathing, rash, fever, hives, scratching, puffiness or facial swelling, or anything else unusual, stop therapy and contact your veterinarian immediately
- This short-acting medication should stop working within 24 hours, although effects may last longer in pets with liver or kidney disease

## CAN THIS DRUG BE GIVEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

- Yes, but possible interactions may occur when giving **Amoxicillin** in conjunction with aminoglycosides, aspirin, cephalosporins, chloramphenicol, erythromycin, macrolides, methotrexate, tetracyclines and probenecid
- Drugs other than those listed may also interact with **Amoxicillin**
- Do not give new food or medications without first talking to your veterinarian
- If your pet experiences any unusual reactions when taking multiple medications, contact your veterinarian

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I KNOW OF OR SUSPECT THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERDOSE?

Contact your veterinarian immediately if your pet eats more than the prescribed amount.

## WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

Notify your veterinarian if your animal's condition does not improve or worsens despite this treatment.

This is just a summary of information about **Amoxicillin**. If you have any questions or concerns about **Amoxicillin** or the condition it was prescribed for, contact your veterinarian.

As with all prescribed medicines, **Amoxicillin** should only be given to the pet for which it was prescribed. It should be given only for the condition for which it was prescribed.

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