Amoxicillin-Clavulanic Acid - Main

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General Description:

A broad-spectrum antibiotic used to treat many infections in dogs and cats. The combination of Amoxicillin and Clavulanic Acid increases its effectiveness against many types of bacteria and is often used in skin and soft tissue infections as well as upper respiratory, bladder and dental infections (dogs). Amoxicillin-Clavulanic Acid is available by prescription from your licensed veterinarian as oral drops, tablets and chewable tablets.

What is this drug?

An aminopenicillin combined with a beta-lactamase inhibitor to broaden its spectrum, including Staph infections; an antibiotic

Usually 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

Often used in: skin and soft tissue infections, upper respiratory infections and bladder infections in cats and dogs and dental infections in dogs

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:

For liquids, shake well before accurately measuring the dose.

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 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, though if it is mistakenly left out of the refrigerator for a day, it's not a problem. Discard reconstituted suspension in 10 days.

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.

Do not use human form of this drug (Augmentin®) unless you have specific instructions from your veterinarian. It contains a different concentration of clavulanic acid than the veterinary form.

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, decreased appetite, vomiting and diarrhea may be experienced. Give the medication with food to reduce effect.

It is felt that this drug is safe to use (with caution) during pregnancy

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-Clavulanic Acid in conjunction with aminoglycosides, aspirin, cephalosporins, chloramphenicol, erythromycin, leflunomide, macrolides, methotrexate, mycophenolate, tetracyclines, probenecid, sulfonamides and warfarin

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Amoxicillin-Clavulanic Acid

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-Clavulanic Acid. If you have any questions or concerns about Amoxicillin-Clavulanic Acid or the condition it was prescribed for, contact your veterinarian.

As with all prescribed medicines, Amoxicillin-Clavulanic Acid should only be given to the dog/cat for which it was prescribed. It should be given only for the condition for which it was prescribed, at the prescribed dose, as directed by your veterinarian.