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Trade Names:

Amoxi-Drop[®], Amoxi-Tabs[®] (Cats), Amoxi-Tabs[®] (Dogs), Biomox[®] Oral Suspension, Biomox[®] Tablets

AMOXICILLIN

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 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 bacterial 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

WHAT DOGS/CATS SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN THIS MEDICATION?

Pets known to have had an allergic reaction to penicillin or another antibiotic before

Use with caution in very small animals who may be dehydrated or have kidney or heart disorders

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

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.

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.

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.

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