



pet's choice **PHARMACY**

## DRUG INFORMATION: **Amoxicillin** also known as Amoxil®, Amoxitabs®, Trimox®, and Wymox®

### Why is this prescribed for your pet?

Amoxicillin is a broad-spectrum antibiotic used in cats and dogs to treat infections. Amoxicillin is a penicillin-class antibiotic.

### Storage:

This medication should be stored at room temperature in a tight, light-resistant, childproof container. It should be kept away from all children and other household pets. Liquid forms of this medication should be shaken well, stored in a refrigerator, and discarded after 14 days.

### How to use this medication:

- For maximum effectiveness, be sure to administer this medication exactly as your veterinarian prescribed it. Do not skip doses and do not stop giving the medication. If you have difficulty administering the medication, consult your veterinarian or pharmacist.
- If you miss a dose, give it as soon as you remember. Do not double doses to make up for missed doses. Doubling doses of this medication can be toxic.
- This medication can interact with other drugs. Be sure to tell your veterinarian about any and all food and drugs you currently give your animal. Consult your veterinarian before giving your animal any new food or drugs.
- Dogs and Cats: Dogs and cats usually receive this medication once or twice daily as an oral tablet or a liquid. It may be given as an injection under the skin twice daily at the veterinary hospital.
- Birds: Birds may receive this medication orally three to four times daily for infection.
- Ferrets: Ferrets may receive this medication orally two to three times daily for infection.
- Horses: This medication may be given orally to horses for severe respiratory infections, but it may cause severe diarrhea with subsequent colic, or death.

### Side Effects:

- Most animals (not including horses or rabbits) do not experience many side effects from amoxicillin. It may cause some decreased appetite, vomiting, and diarrhea. Giving the medication with food may decrease the chance of the animal experiencing these side effects.

### Additional Information:

- This medication may cause serious problems in animals with penicillin allergies.
- This medication can cause diarrhea and subsequent colic in horses when administered orally; it is not recommended for use in this species.
- Rabbits may develop severe diarrhea after being given an oral form of this medication. Do not give your rabbit oral antibiotics without first speaking to your veterinarian.
- Always give your animal the full course of treatment as directed by your veterinarian. If the treatment is not finished, the germ causing the infection may become stronger than the antibiotic, which can cause the infection to worsen.
- If your animal has had allergies or bad reactions to penicillin, talk to your veterinarian about the risks and benefits of using amoxicillin.

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