

DRUG INFORMATION: Clavamox® also known as Amoxicillin/Clavulanate and Augmentin®

Why is this prescribed for your pet?

Clavamox® is a broad spectrum antibiotic that is used in cats and dogs to treat infections. Clavulanate is added to amoxicillin to increase its effectiveness against some types of bacteria.

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 stored in a refrigerator and discarded after ten days, or if they turn yellow or brown. Do not split tablets prior to use.

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 as 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.
- Birds and Ferrets: Birds and ferrets may receive this medication three to four times daily for infection.
- Horses: This medication is given to foals in an injectable form, however it should not be given orally to horses as it may cause severe diarrhea with subsequent colic, or death.

Side Effects:

- Most animals do not experience many side effects from Clavamox, although horses do not tolerate moxicillin/clavulanate well. 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.
- It is possible that high doses of this medication may cause dizziness in dogs. If you notice any behavior changes in your pet, contact your veterinarian immediately.

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Additional Information:

- This medication may cause serious problems in animals with penicillin allergies.
- Rare liver problems have been reported in dogs. Talk to your veterinarian if your pet has or has had severe liver problems.
- This medication can cause diarrhea and subsequent colic in horses when administered orally; it is not recommended to 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 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.

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