

Amoxicillin/Clavulanate (*Clavamox*[®], *Augmentin*[®])

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SUMMARY:

- 1) This is an antibiotic (penicillin with beta-lactase inhibitor)
- 2) This medication may cause GI upset (vomiting, inappetence or diarrhea)
- 3) Please finish the entire course of medication unless instructed to do otherwise by a veterinarian.

EXPLANATION:

This is an antibiotic that is most commonly given for urinary as well as lung, skin, and other soft tissue infections. Like all antibiotics it is important that you finish the prescription as directed.

SIDE EFFECTS:

This medication seems to be very well tolerated overall. The majority of animals will not have any side effects from this medication. The following side effects have been reported:

- 1) GI side effects including inappetence, vomiting and diarrhea. GI problems can be prevented in some animals by starting a pro-biotic supplement with the antibiotics. If your pet has GI upset while on this medication please contact your veterinarian.
- 2) Rarely drug allergies and neurotoxicity have been reported.

