

## Aminopenicillins (Ampicillin, Amoxicillin)

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Aminopenicillins are broad-spectrum antibiotics, also called ampicillin penicillins. Examples include ampicillin and amoxicillin (Amoxi-drops and Amoxi-tabs). They are very safe and often prescribed for infections while waiting for laboratory results. Use all of the medication prescribed, or the infection is likely to recur or become worse. Do NOT use ampicillin or amoxicillin in rabbits, guinea pigs, chinchillas, or hamsters since it will affect the normal bacteria in the gastrointestinal tract and possibly cause a fatal diarrhea. Contact your veterinarian if your pet experiences vomiting or diarrhea while being treated with aminopenicillins.