

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.

Keep this and all other medications out of the reach of children and pets.

If you think your pet has been poisoned...

Contact your veterinarian or one of the Animal Poison Hotlines (listed below) if you think your pet may have accidentally received or been given an overdose of the medication.

**ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center

1-888-4ANI-HELP (1-888-426-4435). \$65.00 per case, billed to caller's credit card.

Follow-up calls can be made for no additional charge by dialing 888-299-2973.

There is no charge when the call involves a product covered by the Animal Product Safety Service.

**Pet Poison Helpline - 24-hour service available throughout North America for pet owners and veterinary professionals who require assistance with treating a potentially poisoned pet.

1-800-213-6680 (\$35.00 per incident). Staffed 24-hours a day.