

Pharmacy Spotlight: Clavamox®

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- **Medication type:**
Antibiotic
- **Active ingredient:**
Amoxicillin (a type of penicillin) and potassium clavulanate
- **Dosage form:**
Tablets and oral suspension
- **Brand name:**
Clavamox®
- **Manufacturer:**
Pfizer
- **Major use:**
Frequently used to treat certain bacterial skin, wound, mouth and urinary tract infections, as well as pneumonia.
- **How it works:**
Amoxicillin and potassium clavulanate work together to eliminate infection-causing bacteria. Amoxicillin inhibits cell wall synthesis, while the clavulanate inhibits the bacteria's production of the beta-lactamase enzyme, which would otherwise render the amoxicillin inactive. The addition of the clavulanate to the amoxicillin allows the antibiotic to have more of a broad-spectrum effect.

Clavamox® SUCCESS STORY:

Cat's Name: Molly

Breed: Maine Coon

Age: 3 years

Her story: When Linda rescued Molly from her local shelter, her older Siamese cat, Baby, was not pleased. Baby's frustration came to a head a week after Molly moved in, when the cats had a loud, nasty fight. A few days later, Linda discovered a hot, painful, swollen spot on Molly's left hindquarter.

Molly's veterinarian quickly diagnosed a



large skin abscess, most likely the result of a bite from Baby. The veterinarian clipped the area over the abscess and examined the wound. Molly's abscess required quick action to stop the progression of the infection. Her veterinarian drained and disinfected the abscess, then made her comfortable for a supervised overnight stay involving rest, fluids, and pain relief. The veterinarian also prescribed [Clavamox®](#), a proven, widely used antibiotic, to treat the infection.



Outcome: Ten days later, Molly was exploring her new home and well on the road to recovery. She took her Clavamox tablets twice a day with a few treats. Thankfully, none of Clavamox's possible side effects - lack of appetite, drooling, vomiting, or diarrhea - had caused any additional trouble. Linda knew to give Molly all of her Clavamox to ensure its complete effectiveness. At their follow up visit, Molly's veterinarian declared the abscess completely healed. Happily, Molly and Baby now coexist peacefully.

For full details on this medication, [download the free patient information sheet](#).