

Austin Humane Society - Feral Cat Clinic
Convenia® Information

What is Convenia?

Convenia is an injectable cephalosporin antibiotic (in the same class as cephalexin) that provides up to 7 days of treatment of many common skin infections in cats.

What are the advantages of Convenia?

- Convenia is the first antibiotic that provides up to 7 days of treatment in a single injection.
- Convenia eliminates missed doses associated with daily oral antibiotics.
- Convenia has been shown to be safe and effective against common skin afflictions, such as wounds and abscesses.
- Convenia is less expensive than some oral antibiotics commonly used to treat the same skin infections.
- No effort is required on the part of the owner/caretaker:
 - No more handling of oral antibiotics that must be mixed correctly, refrigerated, dosed appropriately, and either given by mouth or hidden in food
 - No more worry over whether oral antibiotics can be administered to feral cats
 - No need to hold feral cats for 7-10 days to administer oral medications

Limitations of Convenia:

- Convenia has not been shown to be effective against other common infections, like URI.
- Convenia is not approved for use in kittens under the age of 4 months.
- Convenia has not been studied for safety in lactating cats.
- Convenia should not be used in cats with a history of allergic reactions to penicillins or cephalosporins.

What are the possible side effects?

Side effects of Convenia are similar to those of other cephalosporins, including vomiting, diarrhea, decreased appetite, and lethargy. Although uncommon, these side effects are possible, and we cannot pre-determine which cats may have side effects. If side effects are seen, please seek veterinary care at a full-service veterinary hospital.

