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# Demands and Needs – who is this product suitable for?

This product meets the demands and needs of a pet owner who wants cover for the cost of veterinary treatment for each injury and illness for 12 months only.

# Terms and Conditions - Classic and Classic Plus

## Effective 6th December 2018

The details of **your pet's** cover are shown in these Terms and Conditions. There are sections of cover detailed in this document which may not be included in **your pet's** cover due to his/her age. A section is only included in cover if it's shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance. For cats, **your** policy does not include the *Third Party Liability* section of cover. It's important that **you** check **your pet's** cover and contact us as soon as possible if it is not as **you** expected.

These Terms and Conditions are part of **your** insurance contract. The other parts are **your** Certificate of Insurance and **your** application. To understand exactly what **your** insurance contract covers **you** must read **your** Certificate of Insurance and Insurance Product Information Document, together with these Terms and Conditions.

# **Definitions**

These definitions apply throughout the Terms and Conditions. Where **we** explain what a word means, that word appears in bold print and wherever used it has the meaning stated in this section.

#### 12 months

365 days calculated from and including the date an **injury** happened or the first **clinical signs** of an **illness** were noticed.

# Clinical sign/signs

A change(s) in your pet's normal healthy state, bodily functions or behaviour.

#### Dog/Dog's

The dog named on your Certificate of Insurance.

#### **EU** countries

All countries which are members of the European Union. This is Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

# Family

- Your partner, who is your husband, wife, civil partner, girlfriend, boyfriend or other life partner, and/or
- · Your, or your partner's child and/or step-child, and/or
- Your, or your partner's parent, step-parent, grandparent, grandson, granddaughter, brother and/or sister (including step-siblings).

#### Home

The place in the **UK** where you and your pet usually live.

#### Hydrotherapy

Any treatment of illness and/or injury with, or in, water, including swimming in a pool and the use of a water treadmill.

#### Illness/illnesses

Any change(s) to a normal healthy state, sickness, disease, defects and abnormalities, including defects and abnormalities **your pet** was born with or were passed on by his/her parents.

# Immediate family

- · Your partner, who is your husband, wife, civil partner, girlfriend, boyfriend or other life partner, and/or
- Your, or your partner's child and step-child, and/or
- Your, or your partner's parent or step-parent.









## Injury or illness which started in the first 14 days of cover

- Any injury that happened in the first 14 days of your pet's first policy year.
- Any illness that:
  - Showed clinical signs, or
  - Has the same diagnosis or clinical signs, as an illness that showed clinical signs,
  - In the first 14 days of your pet's first policy year.
- Any injury or illness that is caused by relates to or results from:
  - A clinical sign that was noticed, or
  - An illness that showed clinical signs, or
  - An injury that happened,

In the first 14 days of your pet's first policy year.

This applies in all cases regardless of whether the **injury** or **clinical signs** presents in the same or different parts of **your pets** body.

## Injury/injured/injuries

Physical damage or trauma caused immediately by an accident. Not any physical damage or trauma that happens over a period of time.

#### Market value

The price generally paid for an animal of the same age, breed, pedigree, gender and breeding ability at the time **you** took ownership of **your pet**.

# Maximum benefit

The most we will pay during the policy year as shown on your Certificate of Insurance.

#### Member of a veterinary practice

Any person legally employed by a veterinary practice under a contract of employment.

#### Personal Circumstances

Circumstances about you, your family or your pet which you have limited or no control over. Examples of personal circumstances are (but not limited to) a lack of transport, your pet's size or behaviour, your home environment, your or your family's working hours, your child-care arrangements, your family's other commitments etc.

## Pet/pet's

The cat or dog which is named on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

#### Pet Passnort

The pet passport issued for your pet under the terms of the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS).

# Pet Travel Scheme (PETS)

A government scheme which allows people in the **UK** to take their pets to certain countries and bring them back again without the need for quarantine.

#### Policy year

The time during which **we** provide cover as shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance. This is normally 12 months but can be less if **your pet** has been cancelled from **your** insurance.

## Pre-existing condition

- · Any injury or illness that happened or first showed clinical signs before your pet's cover started.
- Any injury or illness that has the same diagnosis as an injury, illness or clinical sign your pet had before your pet's cover started.
- Any injury or illness that has the same clinical signs as an injury, illness or clinical sign your pet had before
  your pet's cover started.
- Any injury or illness that is caused by, relates to, or results from, an injury, illness or clinical sign your pet had before your pet's cover started.

This applies in all cases regardless of whether:

- The injury or illness presents in the same, or different parts of your pet's body.
- You knew, when starting cover for your pet, that you would need to make a claim for the clinical sign/injury/ illness.
- We place an exclusion for the clinical sign/injury/illness.

# Therapist

Any person who is a member of one of the associations/organisations listed in the 'Who needs to carry out treatment?' section on page 11.

## Trip/trips

Travel within the UK and the other EU countries.







#### UK

The United Kingdom, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

#### Vot

In the **UK** – a Veterinary Surgeon who is registered with the RCVS (Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons). In the other **EU countries** – a fully qualified Veterinary Surgeon registered in the country where he/she practices.

# Veterinary treatment

The cost of the following when required to treat injury and illness:

- Any examination, consultation, advice, diagnostic procedure, surgery and nursing carried out by a vet, a veterinary nurse or another member of a veterinary practice under the supervision of a vet, and
- · Any medication legally prescribed by a vet.

#### We/us/ our

Allianz Insurance plc.

## You/vour

The person named on your Certificate of Insurance.

# General conditions that apply to all sections of your policy

You must keep to these conditions to have the full protection of your policy. If you do not, and the condition you have not kept to relates to a claim, we can refuse the claim.

#### 1. Precautions

Throughout the **policy year you** must take all reasonable steps to:

- · Maintain your pet's health.
- · Provide a secure and safe environment for your pet to prevent injury, illness, theft or straying.
- Control **your pet** to prevent injury to a person or another animal and damage or destruction to any property. If **we** state that **you** have not taken reasonable steps and **you** disagree, **we** can appoint an independent national welfare organisation or **vet**, mutually agreed upon for their opinion. If **you** ask for this to be done, **you** agree to accept the independent opinion and **we** will also do the same. **We** will pay any costs relating to this.

# 2. Providing routine care - what you need to do

You must make sure the following care is provided for your pet:

- Dental care your pet must have a dental examination by a vet at least once every 12 months. Any treatment
  recommended as a result of this examination must be carried out within 3 months of the examination taking place.
- Preventative actions you must take any actions normally recommended by a vet to prevent or reduce the risk
  of injury/illness. Examples of this are (but not limited to) regular worming and flea treatments and providing
  a healthy diet.
- Vaccinations your pet must be kept vaccinated against:

For dogs - distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis and parvovirus

For cats - feline infectious enteritis, feline leukaemia and cat flu

If not, we will not cover any amount for the illness which has not been vaccinated against.

# 3. Providing timely veterinary treatment

If your pet is unwell and shows signs of an injury/illness, you must arrange for a vet to examine and treat your pet as soon as possible. You must follow any advice the vet gives; if you do not, any claim relating to that injury/illness will not be covered by the policy.

If there is a delay in arranging **veterinary treatment** and **we** believe this resulted in additional costs, **we** will not pay the additional costs. If **we** state the delay resulted in additional costs and **you** disagree, **we** can appoint a **vet**, mutually agreed upon, for their opinion. If **you** ask for this to be done, **you** agree to accept the independent opinion and **we** will also do the same. **We** will pay any costs relating to this.

# 4. Ownership of your pet and your residence

- a) You must be the owner of your pet. Your cover will stop immediately if ownership is transferred to another person or organisation.
- b) You and your pet must live in the UK at the address shown on your Certificate of Insurance. If your address, or the address of your pet, changes, you must tell us as soon as possible as this can affect the cover we provide.

# 5 If your pet was unwell before your cover started

Your policy will never cover any injury that happened, or any illness that showed clinical signs, before your cover started. This is regardless of whether you knew at the time of taking cover that you would need to make a claim for the clinical sign, injury or illness. For further details please read the definition 'pre-existing condition'.







## 6. Extra exclusions that can apply to the cover for your pet

We can place exclusions on your policy at each renewal. We place exclusions based on your pet's veterinary history and your answers to our questions. We can also place exclusions during the policy year but we can only do this for the below reasons.

- As vour policy covers an illness or injury for only 12 months, when we find out your pet has been unwell, we can place exclusions on your policy which show the date we will stop covering the injury/illness and what we will no longer cover when vour 12 month time limit has been reached.
- If we find out, that when we previously asked, you did not tell us about something or you provided us with inaccurate information (regardless of whether or not you thought it was accurate at the time) we can add exclusions to your policy from the date we would have added them had we known the information at the right time.

An exclusion is a condition, group of conditions or event which is usually covered under the policy, but isn't for your pet. Exclusions are in addition to what is stated as not covered within these Terms and Conditions. Any specific exclusions on the cover for your pet are shown on your Certificate of Insurance. Your policy does not cover any claim that results from an injury, illness or incident which falls under any exclusion placed on your policy. Please also read point 11 in this section which explains when we can limit or remove Third Party Liability cover at renewal.

## 7. If your pet was injured or showed signs of an illness within 14 days of your cover starting

Your policy does not cover any injury that happened or any illness that showed clinical signs in the first 14 days of vour cover starting. This only applied in vour first policy year and does not apply when vou renew vour policy with us. For further details please read the definition 'injury or illness which started in the first 14 days of cover'.

# 8. Providing information

You agree:

- To give us any information and documents we ask for to administer your policy and deal with your claim.
- That any vet or therapist has your permission to give us any information we ask for about your pet. If a charge is made for this information, you must pay the charge.

## 9. Paving your premium

- a) Your pet is only covered under this policy if you pay the premium. If you pay by Direct Debit instalments and you miss an instalment, you must pay the outstanding amount within the timescales stated in the reminders we send you. If you do not, we will cancel your policy back to the last day you have paid for cover. All cover for your pet will stop from that date and no further claims will be paid.
- b) When we settle your claim, if there are any premiums overdue, we will deduct the outstanding amount from the claim payment.

# 10. Renewing your policy

Your policy is in force for 12 months providing you continue to pay your premium. Every 12 months you need to renew this insurance contract to continue with your cover. We will contact you before your renewal date with full details of your premium, excesses, policy coverage and Terms and Conditions for the next policy year.

If you pay your premium by Direct Debit instalment, when your policy is due for renewal we will renew it for you automatically. If **you** do not want to renew **your** policy **you** need to let **us** know before **your** renewal date. If **you** pay by any other means, you need to contact us to confirm you want to renew your policy and to pay your premium.

# 11. The changes we can make at the renewal of your policy

- a) At renewal of your policy, we can change the:
  - · Premium,
  - Excesses that you pay, and/or
  - Terms and Conditions of your policy.

We can also place exclusions because of your pet's claims and veterinary history (please also read point 6 in this section which explains this in more detail). We will always tell you before your renewal date of any changes so you can consider if your policy still meets your needs.

- b) For dogs, at renewal, we can limit or remove *Third Party Liability* cover based on a review of your dog's behaviour. For example (but not limited to), any aggressive tendencies shown, any incidents where your dog has caused injury to a person/another animal or any health conditions which can affect how your dog behaves. Third Party Liability cover is not provided for any cat.
- c) When your policy is due for renewal, we have the right not to offer renewal. If this happens we will give you 21 days' notice in writing to the address on your Certificate of Insurance.

# 12. The changes we can make during the policy year

Changes will only be made to your policy at renewal. We will not change the cover we provide for your pet during the policy year, unless:

- You decide to change your or your pet's details.
- You did not tell us about something when we previously asked.
- You provided us with inaccurate information when previously asked, regardless of whether or not you thought it was accurate at the time.

Please read point 6 in this section to understand when we may place exclusions during the policy year.









## 13. Keeping us informed of certain information

Throughout **your** policy **you** need to tell **us** about certain information. The things **you** need to tell **us** about are detailed in **your** Certificate of Insurance and it's important **you** check any new documents **we** send to understand the information **we** need. If **you** don't provide **us** with the full and accurate information it can result in a claim not being paid or affect the cover **we** provide.

# 14. If you are a member of veterinary staff

If you are a vet, you can treat your pet but another vet must countersign the claim form. If you are a veterinary practice part of your own claim form.

## 15. Claims decisions over the phone

**We** will not guarantee on the phone if **we** will pay a claim. Once **we** have received a fully completed claim form and all of the supporting information, **we** will assess **your** claim and only then will **we** be able to let **you** know if **we** will pay the claim. *Information about making a claim can be found in the 'How to make a claim' section on page 6.* 

#### 16. Legal rights against another person

If you have any legal rights against another person in relation to your claim, we can take legal action against them in your name at our expense. You must give us all the help you can and provide any documents related to the claim that we ask for.

#### 17. Other insurances

**We** will not make any payment for any claim that results from an incident which is covered by any other insurance. If there is any other insurance under which **you** are entitled to make a claim **you** must report the incident to that insurance company and tell **us** their name and address and **your** policy and claim number with them.

# 18. Cover outside of the UK:

- a) All sections of your policy provide cover when your pet is in the UK and the other EU countries, except:
  - Third Party Liability, which is only in force when your dog is in the UK (this section is not available for cats), and
  - Quarantine Costs and Loss of Travel Documents and Emergency Overseas Expenses, which are only in force
    when your pet is outside the UK in one of the other EU countries.

For the sections which provide cover when **your pet** is the other **EU countries**, **your pet** is covered for 60 days in each **policy year** for all **trips**. If **your pet** will be outside the **UK** for longer than this **you** must let **us** know as soon as possible as this can affect the cover **we** provide.

- b) When your pet is outside the UK you must follow the conditions of the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS). Full details of the Pet Travel Scheme can be found on the DEFRA website defra.gov.uk or you can call the DEFRA Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) Helpline on 0370 241 1710.
- c) We will not provide any cover when your pet is outside the UK if a vet has recommended your pet should not go on the trip.
- d) We will not pay any costs which result from any government or public authority putting restrictions on your pet, while he/she is outside the UK.
- e) All claim forms and supporting documentation must be written in English. It is **your** responsibility to provide this and pay for any translation costs.
- f) If **your pet** moves out of the **UK** to live in another country **you** must tell **us** as soon as possible. **Your** cover will stop on the day **your pet** leaves the **UK**.

# 19. Jurisdiction

- a) The laws of England and Wales apply to this insurance contract.
- b) Unless we agree otherwise the language of the policy and all communications relating to it will be in English.

## 20. When you can cancel your policy

You can cancel your policy at any time. If you cancel this policy in the first 14 days after your renewal date, we will refund any premium you have paid for cover after that renewal date. If you cancel at any other time, we will refund any amount you have paid for cover after the cancellation date.

#### 21. When we can cancel your policy

We can cancel your policy at any time if you have been dishonest or fraudulent in any dealings with us or if your vet or a welfare organisation advises us that you have been negligent towards your pet. We will give you 7 days' notice in writing to the address on your Certificate of Insurance and will refund any amount you have paid for the cover after the cancellation date.

We can also cancel your policy if you do not pay your premiums. For details on this please read point 9 in this section – 'Paying your premium'.

# 22. Cover following the cancellation of a policy

If your policy is cancelled or comes to an end for any reason, all cover for your pet will stop on the date the policy is cancelled/ends and no further claims will be paid.







# How to make a claim

When **you** need to claim, simply send **us your** completed claim form along with the supporting documentation. The details of when **you** need to send **us your** claims and what supporting documents **you** need to provide are explained in each section of cover in these Terms and Conditions. Please make sure the claim form is completed in full by both **you** and (if applicable) **your vet**, as **we** need this information in order to process **your** claim. If any information is missing, **we** will return the claim form to **you**, which will unfortunately delay **your** claim.

# Getting a claim form

- You can download a claim form from the pet insurance section of our website: http://www.petsathome.com/shop/en/pets/pet-insurance/how-to-make-a-claim
- If you would like a claim form sent to you, please contact us. You can email petsathome.customerservice@allianz.co.uk or call 0344 209 0786.

#### What you need to know about claims documentation

- Your insurance does not cover any charges made for the completion of claim forms or the cost of any supporting
  documentation needed as part of your claim.
- All claims and supporting documentation must be written in English. It is your responsibility to provide this and pay
  for any translation costs.

# Fraud

Fraud increases **your** premium and the premiums of all policyholders. If **you**:

- Provide us with false information.
- Make a false or exaggerated claim with us. or
- Make any claim with **us** which involves **your** dishonesty,

We will not pay your claim and we can void your policy, inform the relevant authorities/other organisations and record the details on anti-fraud databases. If we pay a claim and subsequently find the claim was fraudulent, you must repay us the full amount.

'Void your policy' means we will cancel your policy from the date the fraud occurred. If we take this action you must:

- a) Repay us any claim payments we have made from the date the fraud occurred; this is regardless of whether or not all of the claims were fraudulent.
- b) If any other insurer asks if **you** have had a policy void, **you** need to tell them that **your** policy with **us** was void. If **you** do not, this could invalidate any insurance policy **you** hold with any insurer who asks.

# Sections of cover

# **Veterinary Fees**

Cover in this section applies when your pet is in the UK and the other EU countries

#### What is covered

We will pay the cost of veterinary treatment your pet has received during the policy year to treat injury and illness.

This policy provides cover on a time-limited basis. This means that each **injury** and **illness** is only covered for **12 months**, starting from the date the **injury** happened or the **clinical signs** of the **illness** were first noticed. After this time all cover for that **injury** or **illness** will stop. To continue to claim for the **12 month** period **you** must keep **your** policy in force and continue to pay **your** premiums.

In addition to the time limit, we also provide a maximum amount of money you can claim up to for each separate injury or illness. This is called the maximum benefit and it is shown on your Certificate of Insurance. Each injury or illness is covered for up to 12 months or up to the monetary amount, whichever is reached first. For further details please read 'How long will we cover each injury and illness' on page 7.

# Limits within this section

The following are covered in the *Veterinary Fees* section, but have individual monetary limits. The amounts **you** can claim for these are shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance. These amounts form part of the overall veterinary fees **maximum benefit**; they are not in addition to it.







When carried out during the **policy year** to treat **injury** and **illness**, **we** will cover:

- 1. Dental treatment please see point 18 in 'Conditions for Veterinary Fees' to understand when dental treatment will be covered.
- 2. The below complementary treatments:
  - Acupuncture
  - · Chiropractic manipulation
  - Herbal medicine
  - Homeopathy
  - Hydrotherapy we will cover 5 sessions for each separate illness or injury. You must read point 7 on page 9
    to understand this session limit.
  - Osteonathy
  - Physiotherapy for the purpose of this insurance, this does not include any form of hydrotherapy.

A **vet** must refer **your pet** for the **treatment** and confirm to **us** when **you** claim that it is required to treat the **injury** or **illness**.

- Overseas treatment veterinary treatment carried out by a vet, needed while your pet is on a trip in the EU countries
- 4. The cost of euthanasia when needed to alleviate incurable and inhumane suffering.

The cover explained in point 5 below, is only in force if **your pet** is covered under the Classic Plus plan. The plan name is shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

5. Referral to another vet/specialist clinic (if your pet is covered under the Classic Plus plan only) – if your vet recommends an alternative vet or specialist clinic treats your pet, we will pay the cost of additional travel and accommodation (incurred by you or any member of your family permanently residing with you) for travel from your home to the other veterinary practice/specialist clinic.

To be covered under the policy, the treatments under this section must be carried out by a person holding certain qualifications or membership of certain organisations. Full details can be found on page 11 in 'Who needs to carry out treatment?'

# How long we will cover each injury and illness

Your cover has two limits:

- A time limit for how long you can claim for each injury or illness, and
- . A monetary limit for how much we will pay for each injury or illness (this is called the maximum benefit).

We will keep paying for an injury or illness until one of these limits has been reached.

The time limit:

Your policy covers the treatment of each illness and injury for 12 months. The 12 months start when the injury happens or when the first clinical signs of the illness are noticed. After this time all cover for that injury or illness will stop.

The monetary limit:

Your policy provides a maximum amount of money for you to claim for each separate injury and illness. This is called the maximum benefit. For each injury and illness you have one maximum benefit for *Veterinary Fees*. The amount you can claim for each injury and illness is shown on your Certificate of Insurance.

To fully understand how the time limit and monetary limit will be applied, **you** need to read points 1 to 5 in 'Conditions for Veterinary Fees' on page 8.

# What you pay - your excesses

The excesses are the amounts you pay when you claim and these are deducted from your claim settlement(s). The excesses you pay under this section are explained on your Certificate of Insurance.

#### What is not covered under Veterinary Fees

- 1. The cost of any treatment for a pre-existing condition.
- 2. The cost of any treatment for any injury or illness which started in the first 14 days of cover.
- 3. The cost of any treatment to prevent **injury** or **illness**.
- 4. The cost of any treatment, diagnostic or procedure that you choose to have carried out that:
  - · The vet confirms is not necessary, or
  - Is not related to an injury or illness.

We will also not pay for any complications that arise from these treatments/procedures.

- 5. The cost of killing and controlling fleas and the cost of general health improvers.
- 6. The cost of any treatment for a retained testicle(s).
- 7. The cost of any treatment in connection with breeding, pregnancy and/or giving birth.
- 8. The cost of any food for your pet, this includes:
  - · Any food prescribed by a vet, and/or
  - · Any special diet food.
- The cost of treating any injury or illness deliberately caused by you, anyone living with you, anyone else looking after or handling your pet or when outside the UK, anyone travelling with you.









- 10. The cost of surgical items that can be used more than once.
- 11. The cost of transplant surgery, including pre- and post-operative care.
- 12. The cost of a post-mortem examination and/or report.

It's important that you also read 'Conditions for Veterinary Fees' below and 'Who needs to carry out treatment?' on page 11. These sections also explain limitations and areas the policy does not cover.

# **Conditions for Veterinary Fees**

You must keep to these conditions to have the full protection under this section. If you do not, and the condition you have not kept to relates to a claim, we can refuse the claim.

# 1. The way we work out the 12 month time limit and maximum benefit

Please read 'How long we will cover each injury and illness' on page 7 before reading the wording in this section.

## For injuries

The 12 months cover and the maximum benefit start from the date the injury happened. If your pet has more than one injury, if:

- They are diagnosed as the same injury, or
- They happen at the same time, or
- Are caused by, or relate to, one another.

One period of 12 months and one maximum benefit applies for all of the injuries. In this case the 12 months of cover and the maximum benefit starts from the date the first injury happened.

#### For illnesses

The 12 months cover and the maximum benefit start from the date the illness or clinical signs were first noticed. If vour pet has suffered from the same clinical signs or has been diagnosed with the same illness in the past, the 12 months cover and the maximum benefit starts from the very first time the clinical signs/illness were seen. This applies in all cases regardless of whether.

- The clinical sign/illness presents in the same or different part of your pet's body, and/or
- Your vet states the past and current illnesses are not linked.

## 2. After your policy limits have been reached

Please read 'How long we will cover each injury and illness' on page 7 before reading the wording in this section. If we have paid for either the cost of treatment for 12 months or the maximum benefit, we will not pay for any more treatment for that injury or illness. We will also not pay for any illness or injury which:

- Is caused by or related to it, or
- Has the same diagnosis.

This applies in all cases regardless of whether:

- The injury or illness presents in the same or different part of your pet's body, and/or
- Your vet states the past and current illness are, or are not, linked.

For example (but not limited to), if your pet ruptures a cruciate ligament (either due to an injury or an illness) in the left hind leg, after we have paid for treatment for either 12 months or the maximum benefit, we will not cover any further ruptures to the cruciate ligaments in either the left or right hind legs.

# 3. An illness which was first noticed before your policy started or in the first 14 days of cover If your pet suffered from an illness:

- Before your pet's policy started, or
- In the first 14 days of your pet's first policy year,

Any costs relating to that illness will not be covered by your policy. If, at a later time (days, weeks, months or years) an illness with the same diagnosis presents in the same or different parts of your pet's body, we will not cover any costs to treat that illness. This is regardless of whether your vet states the past and current illnesses are, or are not, linked. For example (but not limited to), if **your pet** developed a cataract in his/her left eve in the first 14 days of the first **policy** year, that cataract is not covered and the policy will also not cover any other cataracts which develop in either the left or

## 4. The maximum benefit that we will pay

Please read 'How long we will cover each injury and illness' on page 7 before reading the wording in this section. The most we will pay for each illness and injury is the maximum benefit that applies on the date the injury happened or the date the clinical signs of the illness were first noticed.

The following are covered in the Veterinary Fees section, but have individual monetary limits within the Veterinary Fees maximum benefit - dental treatment, complementary treatment, overseas veterinary treatment, the cost of euthanasia and if your pet is covered under the Classic Plus plan, referral to another vet/specialist clinic. To understand how much you can claim for these, please refer to 'Limits within this section' on pages 6-7.

## 5. The cost of medicines and materials

We will only cover the cost of any medicines or materials which have been prescribed or supplied to be used during the 12 month time limit. This is 12 months after the date the injury happened or the illness first showed clinical signs.









## 6. Timescales for making a claim

You must send us your claim no later than one year after your pet received treatment. Any claims we get after this time will not be covered by your policy.

# 7. The number of hydrotherapy sessions you can claim for

We will pay for 5 sessions of hydrotherapy for each separate illness or injury. Once this session limit has been reached, all cover for hydrotherapy for that illness/injury ends and the policy will never cover any further sessions.

# 8. Another vet reviewing your pet's details

We can refer your pet's case history to a vet that we choose and if we request, you must arrange for your pet to be examined by this vet. We will pay any costs for this.

# 9. Dealing with your veterinary practice

- If you have asked us to pay your vet, and we agree to, we will send payment directly to the veterinary practice.
   If there is any amount other that we cannot pay because the costs are not covered, we will tell you in writing.
- If we receive a request to pay the claim settlement direct to a veterinary practice, we have the right to decline this
  request.

## 10. If you want a second opinion

If you decide to take your pet to a different vet or therapist for a second opinion because you are unhappy with the diagnosis or treatment provided, you must tell us before you arrange an appointment with them. If you do not, the costs relating to the second opinion will not be covered by us. If we request, you must use a vet or therapist we choose. If we decide the diagnosis or treatment currently being provided is correct, we will not cover any costs relating to the second opinion.

# 11. Paying for treatment within required time frames

It is **your** responsibility to ensure the veterinary practice or **therapist** is paid within the required timeframe:

- If an additional charge is added to the cost of treatment due to the late payment of fees, we will deduct this charge from the claim settlement.
- If a discount is provided for paying the costs within a certain timeframe, you must provide payment within this
  timeframe. If you do not, we will deduct the discount, which would have been provided, from the claim settlement.

# 12. The costs relating to putting your pet to sleep (also known as euthanasia)

Your policy covers the cost of putting your pet to sleep, up to the maximum benefit detailed on your Certificate of Insurance. This is providing it is carried out to alleviate incurable and inhumane suffering. If your pet is put to sleep for any other reason, including (but not limited to) aggression or behaviour, these costs will not be covered. For information about the costs of having your pet cremated or buried, please see the 'Cremation or Burial Costs' section, which explains when we will cover these costs.

# 13. Administration charges and the dispensing of medication

Your policy does not cover any administrative costs. This includes:

- Any fees for dispensing medication, providing prescriptions and for the administration of a referral to another veterinary practice or hospital.
- Any charges made for the completion of claim forms or the cost of any supporting documentation needed as part of your claim.

### 14. The cost of any expenses to travel to another vet

If your pet is covered on the Classic Plus plan, please read 'Referral to another vet/specialist clinic' on page 7 to understand when we will cover travel expenses. These costs are not covered on the Classic plan.

- We will pay 40p per mile for petrol.
- We will not cover any costs for:
  - Expenses to travel to, or from, **your pet's** usual veterinary practice, or any branch practice of a veterinary group **your** usual veterinary practice belongs to.
  - Any other method of transportation for your pet.

# 15. The cost of house visits

We will only cover a house visit, if this is by a vet and:

- · Your pet was suffering from a life-threatening injury or illness, and
- That moving your pet was likely to have resulted in his/her death or significantly worsened the life-threatening injury
  or illness.

We will not cover any costs if the house visit was needed because of **your personal circumstances**. The attending **vet** needs to confirm all of the above when **you** claim.

# 16. The cost of out of hours treatment and hospitalisation

We will only cover the cost of your pet being:

- Treated outside of the veterinary practice usual opening hours, and/or
- Admitted into the care of a veterinary practice (also known as hospitalisation),









If there was no option but to take this action as any alternative would have seriously endangered **your pet's** life. **We** will not cover any costs if this action was needed because of **your personal circumstances**. The attending **vet** needs to confirm all of the above when **you** claim.

# 17. The cost of procedures you can carry out

There can be times when a **member of a veterinary practice** or a **therapist** asks **you** to provide treatment for **your pet**. For example (but not limited to) giving tablets, applying ear drops, taking a urine sample, carrying out physiotherapy etc. If **you** are not able to carry out the treatment due to **your personal circumstances**, **we** will not cover the cost of any other person or professional carrying out the treatment.

#### 18. The cost of dental treatment

We will cover the treatment of a dental injury or illness if:

- Your pet had a dental examination by a vet in the 12 months before the first clinical signs of the injury or illness were seen, and
- Any treatment recommended as a result of the last dental examination was carried out within 3 months of the examination taking place.

# 19. The cost to neuter your pet

The only time **we** will cover the cost of neutering **your pet** is if it is carried out when **your pet** is suffering from an **injury** or **illness** and neutering is essential to treat that **injury** or **illness**. **We** will not cover the cost of spaying following a false pregnancy or neutering to treat a behavioural illness. Regardless of why **your pet** is neutered, if he/she suffers from complications during or after the procedure, **we** will cover the cost of treatment needed to deal with the complications.

# 20. The cost to vaccinate your pet

We will not cover the cost of vaccinations; however, if **your pet** suffers complications during, or after, a vaccination, we will cover the cost of treatment needed to deal with the complications. *This does not apply if your pet must be vaccinated against illness* as part of a compulsory mass vaccination programme, for details of this please see General Exclusions point 2b) on page 21.

# 21. The cost of bathing and grooming your pet

We will only cover the cost of bathing your pet if it is done by a member of a veterinary practice and the substance being used, according to manufacturer's guidelines, can only be administered by a member of a veterinary practice. We will not cover bathing if this is needed because of your personal circumstances. We will never cover the cost of grooming and/or de-matting your pet.

# 22. Your policy does not cover any behavioural illness

We will not cover the cost of treatment for any behavioural illnesses or problems.

## 23. The cost of equipment or machinery

**We** will not cover the cost of buying or hiring any type of equipment, machinery, animal housing or cages. These costs are never covered by the policy and this is regardless of whether:

- · A vet advises the item is required as part of treatment for an illness or injury, or
- The item is required due to your personal circumstances.

Examples of equipment and machinery are (but not limited to) home glucose monitors, sharps bins, paw protectors, heat pads etc.

## 24. The cost of removing dew claws

**We** will cover the cost of removing dew claws if they are damaged or infected at the time of removal. **We** will not cover the costs at any other time.

# 25. The cost of artificial body parts

**We** will cover the cost of hip, knee and elbow joint replacements. **We** will not cover the cost of any other prosthesis (also known as artificial body parts) or any costs which are related in any way to any other prosthesis.

# 26. Complementary and alternative treatments

We will pay for acupuncture, chiropractic manipulation, herbal medicine, homeopathy, hydrotherapy, osteopathy and physiotherapy under the Complementary Treatment limit within your Veterinary Fees section of cover. We will not cover any other complementary or alternative treatment. Your pet may need some veterinary treatment to support a complementary/alternative treatment. The cost of this is covered under the Complementary Treatment limit when needed for the treatments listed above; we will not cover these costs for any other complementary or alternative treatments.

#### 27. Overseas treatment outside the UK

We will only provide cover under the Overseas Treatment section when your pet is treated by a vet outside the UK, in one of the other EU countries. if:

- A vet believes the treatment cannot be delayed until his/her return home, and/or
- The journey was not made to get treatment abroad.

We will cover up to the maximum benefit detailed on your Certificate of Insurance. We will not cover treatment in any other circumstances.







#### Who needs to carry out treatment?

This section explains who needs to carry out the different elements within the *Veterinary Fees* section of cover. If these requirements are not met, the treatment will not be covered by the policy. For everything other than **veterinary treatment**, acupuncture and homeopathy, if the treatment is not carried out by a **vet**, a **vet** must refer **your pet** for the treatment and confirm to **us** when **you** claim that it is required to treat the **injury** or **illness**. If **your pet** needs *Overseas Treatment* outside the **UK** in one of the other **EU countries**, the treatment must be carried out by a **vet**.

Veterinary treatment:	A <b>vet</b> , a veterinary nurse or another <b>member of a veterinary practice</b> under the supervision of a <b>vet</b>
Acupuncture:	A vet
Herbal medicine:	This must be prescribed by a member of a veterinary practice
Homeopathy:	A vet
Chiropractic manipulation:	A member of a veterinary practice or a qualified animal chiropractor who is a member of one of the following organisations:  International Association of Animal Therapists (IAAT)  International Veterinary Chiropractic Association (IVCA)  McTimoney Animal Association  McTimoney Chiropractic Association
Hydrotherapy:	<ul> <li>A member of a veterinary practice providing the hydrotherapy is carried out in a pool/water treadmill owned by the veterinary practice, or</li> <li>In a pool/water treadmill where the hydrotherapy business has full Canine Hydrotherapy Association (CHA) membership, or</li> <li>By a full member of the National Association of Registered Canine Hydrotherapists (NARCH)</li> </ul>
Osteopathy:	A <b>member of a veterinary practice</b> or a qualified animal osteopath who is a member of the International Association of Animal Therapists (IAAT)
Physiotherapy:	A member of a veterinary practice or a qualified animal physiotherapist who is a member of one of the following organisations:  • Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Animal Therapy (ACPAT)  • Institute of Registered Veterinary and Animal Physiotherapists (IRVAP)  • International Association of Animal Therapists (IAAT)  • National Association of Veterinary Physiotherapists (NAVP)

# **Claiming for Veterinary Fees**

# When you need to send us your claims

You must send us your claim(s) no later than one year after your pet received treatment. Any claims received after this time will not be covered by the policy.

## Please send us the following along with your claim form:

- The invoices from the veterinary practice or **therapist** which show what **you** are claiming for.
- If it's the first claim you are making for your pet his/her full clinical history. This is a record of all visits your pet
  has made to a vet and can be obtained from each veterinary practice your pet has attended. We can also require
  this if you submit claims for certain conditions, but will let you know if this is needed once we have received your
  claim form.
- If the claim is for overseas treatment in the **EU countries** the booking invoice for **your trip** or any other official documents which show the dates of **your trip**.
- If the claim is for complementary treatment the claim form must be signed by **your vet** and the **therapist** must provide invoices showing the costs involved.
- If your pet is covered under the Classic Plus plan and the claim includes referral expenses to another vet receipts
  or invoices for any travel and accommodation expenses claimed for.

Further details of how to claim and obtain a claim form, can be found in the 'How to make a claim' section on page 6.









# Third Party Liability (this section only applies for dogs)

Cover in this section applies when your dog is in the UK only

The section only applies if it is shown on your Certificate of Insurance.

In this section you/your mean you or any person looking after or handling your dog with your permission.

Details of what you need to do if an incident happens can be found in 'Conditions for Third Party Liability' point 2.

#### What is covered

If property is damaged, or someone is killed, injured or falls ill as a result of an incident involving **your dog** during the **policy year** and **you** are legally responsible, **we** will pay:

- · Compensation and claimant's costs and expenses, and
- Legal costs and expenses for defending a claim against you.

The amount we will pay for each incident is shown on your Certificate of Insurance.

# What you pay - your excess

The excess is the amount **you** pay when **you** claim. The excess **you** pay under this section for each incident is shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

# What is not covered under Third Party Liability

- 1. More than the maximum benefit shown on your Certificate of Insurance for each incident.
- 2. Any amount for any incident which happened in the first 14 days of your dog's first policy year.
- 3. Any costs and expenses for defending you which we have not agreed beforehand.
- 4. Any compensation, costs and expenses for an incident which involves **your** profession, occupation or business.
- 5. Any compensation, costs and expenses resulting from an incident that happens where you work.
- 6. Any compensation, costs and expenses resulting from an incident which involves the profession, occupation or business of anyone who is employed by **you** or anyone who works for **you** in any way.
- 7. Any compensation, costs and expenses for an incident which takes place when **your dog** is in the care of a business or a professional and **you** are paying for their services. For example, but not limited to, when **your dog** is in the care of a dog minder, a dog sitter or at the grooming parlour.
- 8. Any compensation, costs and expenses if you are legally responsible only because of a contract you have entered into.
- 9. Any compensation, costs and expenses for the death, injury or illness of you.
- 10. Any compensation, costs and expenses for the death, injury or illness of your immediate family or anyone who lives with you or is employed by you.
- 11. Any compensation, costs and expenses if the property damaged belongs to **you**, any person who lives with **you**, a member of **your immediate family** or a person who is employed by **you**.
- 12. Any compensation, costs and expenses if **you**, a member of **your immediate family** or any person who lives with **you** or is employed by **you** is responsible for, or looking after, the property that is damaged.
- 13. Any compensation, costs and expenses that result from an incident if **you** have not followed instructions or advice given to **you** by the re-homing organisation or a qualified behaviourist about the behaviour of **your dog**.
- 14. Any compensation, costs and expenses if the incident happens in an area or place where dogs are specifically prohibited, unless **your dog** escapes and enters the area outside of **your** control.
- 15. Any compensation, costs and expenses if **you** are deemed responsible under the laws of any country, other than the **EU countries**.
- 16. Any compensation, costs and expenses if **you** are responsible for air, water or soil pollution, unless it can be proven that the pollution took place immediately after and as a result of an accident caused by **your dog**.
- 17. Any compensation, costs and expenses if **your dog** lives at, or is kept on, premises which sell alcohol. There is no cover if an incident happens at, or away from, the premises. For the purpose of this insurance, **we** class a dog as living at, or being kept on, premises which sell alcohol if the business premises can be accessed from the residential premises.

## **Conditions for Third Party Liability**

You must comply with these conditions to have the full protection under this section. If you do not, and the condition you have not kept to relates to a claim, we can refuse the claim.

# 1. You must not admit responsibility and/or negotiate

**You**, or anyone acting on **your** behalf, must not admit responsibility, agree to pay any amount or negotiate with any person following an incident.

# 2. Telling us about an incident

You must call us as soon as possible if:

- An incident happens which could lead to a claim under this section. You must notify us of an incident even if you
  don't believe that a claim is being made against you at this time.
- You, or any other person, are advised of any prosecution, inquest or enquiry which could lead to a claim under this section. To tell **us** about an incident please call **our** specialist liability team on 01483 218 782 who are available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, excluding Bank Holidays. Outside of these times, please call 0344 209 0786.









#### 3. If you receive any legal documents

You must immediately send us any writ, summons or legal documents you receive. You or any other person must not respond to any of these documents.

## 4. Helping us with your claim

You agree to:

- Provide us with any information connected with the claim we ask for including details of your dog's history.
- Tell us or help us find out all the circumstances of an incident that results in a claim, provide written statements and
  go to court if needed.
- Allow us to take charge of your claim and allow us to prosecute in your name for our benefit.

### 5. When another party is being paid to care for your dog

If a business or a professional is being paid to care for **your dog** in any way (for example, but not limited to, a dog minder, a dog walker or a groomer) it is **your** responsibility to:

- · Make sure the business/person has the appropriate third party liability insurance cover, and
- Tell them if your dog has any behavioural problems or requires any special handling so they are able to handle your dog in an appropriate manner.

# Claiming for Third Party Liability

You need to tell us about any incidents that could lead to a Third Party Liability claim

- If an incident happens that could lead to a *Third Party Liability* claim, you must call to tell us about it as soon as possible. You must to this even if you don't believe a claim will be made against you at this time. Our specialist liability team are available on 01483 218 782 Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, excluding Bank Holidays (outside these times please contact us on 0344 209 0786).
- You need to send us all correspondence, writs, summons or any other legal documents as soon as you receive them. You or any other person must not respond to any of these documents.
- If you or any other person are advised of any prosecution, inquest or enquiry which could lead to a claim under this
  section, you must tell us as soon as possible.

Details of what **you** need to do if an incident happens can be found in 'Conditions for Third Party Liability' point 2, on page 12.

# **Death from Injury**

Cover in this section applies when your pet is in the UK and the other EU countries

# What is covered

We will pay the price you paid for your pet if, during the policy year, he/she:

- · Dies due to an injury, or
- Has to be put to sleep by a vet due to an injury that the vet believes cannot be treated.

# **Death from Illness**

Cover in this section applies when your pet is in the UK and the other EU countries

# What is covered

We will pay the price you paid for your pet if, during the policy year, he/she:

- · Dies due to an illness, or
- Has to be put to sleep by a **vet** due to an **illness** that the **vet** believes is not curable.

# Providing proof of purchase

If you can't provide a purchase receipt or rehoming document showing how much you paid or donated for your pet, we will pay the market value or the purchase price/donation amount, whichever is less. If you did not pay for your pet, we will pay the market value.

# What is not covered under Death from Injury and Death from Illness

- 1. More than the **maximum benefit** shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.
- 2. Any amount if your pet's death results from a pre-existing condition.
- 3. Any amount if your pet's death results from an injury or illness which started in the first 14 days of cover.
- 4. Any amount if **your pet** is put to sleep due to a behavioural illness or problem.
- 5. Any amount if **your pet's** death results from breeding, pregnancy or giving birth.
- Any amount for having your pet put to sleep, cremated, buried, or disposed of. Please see the 'Conditions for Veterinary Fees' point 12 and the Cremation and Burial Costs section to understand when we will cover these costs.

It's important that you read 'Conditions applying to Death from Injury, Death from Illness and Cremation or Burial Costs' starting on page 14. This section also explains limitations and areas the policy does not cover.

You can find out how to claim under these sections on page 14.







## **Cremation or Burial Costs**

# Cover in this section applies in the UK and the other EU agreed countries

#### What is covered

We will pay towards the cost of cremation or burial if your pet dies or is put to sleep by a vet, during the policy year, as a result of an injury or illness. You can claim up to the maximum benefit shown on your Certificate of Insurance.

#### What is not covered under Cremation or Burial Costs

- 1. Any amount if **your pet** dies due to an **injury** and the death is not covered under the *Death from Injury* benefit.
- 2. Any amount if **your pet** dies due to an **illness** and the death is not covered under the *Death from Illness* benefit.
- 3. Any amount to have **your pet's** body disposed of in any way other than cremation or burial.
- 4. Any amount for returning your pet's body home if he/she dies outside the UK.

# Conditions for Death from Injury, Death from Illness and Cremation or Burial Costs

You must keep to these conditions to have the full protection under these sections. If you do not, and the condition you have not kept to relates to a claim, we can refuse the claim.

#### 1. The way we work out the 12 month time limit

Your policy has a *time limit* for how long you can claim; you can claim for each illness and injury for 12 months only. After that time all cover for that illness or injury will stop. This means that the *Death from Injury, Death from Illness* and/or *Cremation or Burial Costs* sections will only provide cover if your pet dies or is put to sleep within this 12 month time limit.

#### For injuries

The 12 months cover will start from the date the injury happened. If your pet has more than one injury, if

- . They are diagnosed as the same injury, or
- They happen at the same time, or
- They are caused by, or relate to, one another.

One period of **12 months** will apply for all of the **injuries**. In this case the **12 months** of cover will start from the date the first **injury** happened.

# For illnesses

The 12 months cover will start from the date the illness or clinical signs were first noticed. If your pet has suffered from the same clinical signs or has been diagnosed with the same illness in the past, the 12 months cover will start from the very first time the clinical signs/illness were seen. This applies in all cases regardless of whether:

- The clinical sign/illness presents in the same or different part of your pet's body, and/or
- Your vet states the past and current illnesses are, or are not, linked.

## 2. Timescales for making a claim

You must send us your claim no later than one year after your pet's death. Any claims received after this time will not be covered by the policy.

# 3. We will automatically remove the Death from Illness section when your pet gets to a certain age

Your pet's Death from Illness cover will be automatically removed by us at the renewal following a cat's 11th birthday and a dog's 9th birthday. At this time, all cover in this section will stop.

## 4. Cover following a claim

If we pay a claim under these sections, we will automatically cancel your policy from the day after your pet's death.

# Claiming for Death from Injury or Illness and Cremation or Burial Costs

## When you need to send us your claim form

You must send us your claim no later than one year after your pet's death. Any claims received after this time will not be covered by the policy.

# Please send us the following along with your claim form:

- · The purchase receipt from when you bought your pet.
- If your pet is a pedigree, a copy of the pedigree certificate.
- The death certificate from your vet this isn't needed if you are submitting a Veterinary Fees claim for the illness/injury that caused your pet's death.
- If you are claiming for cremation or burial costs the invoices showing the costs involved.
- If the loss happened outside the UK in any of the other EU countries the booking invoice for your trip or any other
  official documents which show the dates of your trip.

Further details of how to claim and obtain a claim form, can be found in the 'How to make a claim' section on page 6.







# **Advertising and Reward Costs**

Cover in this section applies when your pet is in the UK and the other EU countries

#### What is covered

If your pet goes missing or is stolen during the policy year, we will pay:

- The cost of advertising, and
- The reward you have offered and paid to get your pet back.

You can claim up to the maximum benefit shown on your Certificate of Insurance. If your pet goes missing more than once, only one maximum benefit applies for all incidents during the policy year.

#### What is not covered under Advertising and Reward Costs

Any reward paid to any person who:

- · Is a member of your family,
- · Lives with vou.
- Is employed by vou.
- Was caring for your pet when he/she was lost or stolen,
- Stole your pet.
- Is in collusion with the person who stole vour pet.
- Is travelling with you when outside the UK.

It's important that you also read 'Conditions for Advertising and Reward Costs and Theft or Straving'.

This section also explains limitations and areas the policy does not cover.

You can find out how to claim under this section on pages 16-17.

# Theft or Straying

Cover in this section applies when your pet is in the UK and the other EU countries

#### What is covered

We will pay the price you paid for your pet if he/she is stolen or goes missing during the policy year and does not return within 90 days. If you can't provide a purchase receipt or rehoming document showing how much you paid or donated for your pet, we will pay the market value or the purchase price/donation amount, whichever is less. If you did not pay for your pet we will pay the market value.

# What is not covered under Theft or Straving

- 1. More than the **maximum benefit** shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.
- 2. Any amount if you or the person looking after your pet has freely parted with him/her.

# Conditions for Advertising and Reward Costs and Theft or Straying

You must keep to these the following conditions to have the full protection under these sections. If you do not, and the condition you have not kept to relates to a claim, we can refuse the claim.

# 1. Timescales for making a claim

You must send us your claim no later than one year after your pet went missing. Any claims received after this time will not be covered by the policy. For *Theft or Straying* you can send us your claim once your pet has been missing for more than 90 days.

# 2. Actions you must take when you find out your pet is missing

You must take the following steps and when you claim you need to send us evidence of this:

- Within 24 hours of finding out your pet is missing you must tell the appropriate authority and get written confirmation
  of your report. Depending on where you live the appropriate authority may be your local authority or the police. The
  only time you do not need to do this is if your pet is a cat and you don't believe he/she has been stolen.
- · Within 5 days of finding out your pet is missing:
  - If your pet is microchipped, you must notify your microchip provider.
  - If your pet is not microchipped, you must tell at least one veterinary practice in the area where he/she was last seen.

# 3. Providing a reward

- a) You must have our approval before advertising a reward; if not, the cost of the reward will not be covered.
- b) You can provide a reward by giving the person who found your pet:
  - Money (for example, but not limited to, cash or a bank transfer). If you do this, the most we will pay is 50% of the
    maximum benefit shown on your Certificates of Insurance.
  - A gift (for example, but not limited to, a hamper, a bunch of flowers etc). If you do this, the most we will pay for the gift is £50.









c) When you provide a reward (either by way of money or a gift) you must get a receipt giving the full name, address, telephone number, email address and the signature of the person who found your pet. This must be submitted with your claim.

## 4. Advertising the loss of your pet

To submit a claim for *Theft or Straying* **you** must have advertised the loss of **your pet** and when **you** claim **you** must provide **us** with evidence showing the advertising took place.

# 5. Making your own posters and advertising material

If you or your family make the posters and/or advertising material we will pay up to £50 in each policy year for materials for this purpose. For example (but not limited to) paper, a printer cartridge, weatherproof folders, tape to display the posters etc. When you claim you need to provide a copy of the poster, tell us how many were made and submit receipt showing the costs you are claiming.

# 6. Using the services of another party to find your pet

We will cover the cost of another party producing missing posters and leaflets and advertising the loss of your pet on the internet and social media. We will not cover any costs for any other services provided by another party (such as a person, company, organisation or pet detective). For example (but not limited to) we will not cover any costs for another party to:

- Search for your pet (either on foot, with search dogs or equipment)
- To produce anything other than posters and leaflets
- To communicate with people about the loss or to report your pet missing to other people/organisations (other than to
  advertise on the internet and social media)
- To distribute/display advertising materials

## 7. Your pet's pedigree certificate and purchase receipt

When **you** claim under *Theft or Straying* **you** must send **us** the original purchase receipt from when **you** bought **your pet** and if **your pet** is a pedigree, the original pedigree certificate. If the claim is paid, these documents will not be returned to **you**.

## 8. Keeping your policy running while your pet is missing

You can keep your policy running for as long as you like after your pet goes missing to protect against injuries, illnesses or incidents which happen while he/she is away. We will continue with cover providing you pay for your premiums and renew your policy (without a break in cover). We will not automatically cancel your pet's cover if we pay a claim under these sections. If you want to stop cover you need to let us know and your policy will be cancelled from the date you ask us to do this. We will refund any amount you have paid for cover after the cancellation date. We will not refund any premiums paid for cover before the date you tell us you want cover to stop.

## 9. If your pet returns

If your pet is found or returns after we have paid a *Theft or Straying* claim, you must repay the full amount that we have paid you within the timescales we and you agree.

# 10. When outside the UK

If your pet goes missing when outside the **UK** (and in one of the other **EU** countries), within 24 hours of finding that your pet is missing, you must report the loss to the police or if the loss happens on a ship, aircraft, train or coach, to the operator. You need to get written confirmation of your report and this must be sent to **us** with your claim.

# Claiming for Advertising and Reward Costs and/or Theft or Straying

You must phone us on 0344 209 0786 for the approval of any reward before you advertise it.

# When you need to send us your claims

You must send us your claims no later than one year after your pet went missing. Any claims received after this time will not be covered by the policy.

#### Please send us evidence showing:

- · The advertising carried out to try and find your pet.
- The police or relevant authority being notified within 24 hrs of your pet going missing (only needed for cats if you believe he/she was stolen).
- The relevant party being notified within 5 days of your pet going missing. If your pet is microchipped, this is the
  microchip provider. If your pet is not microchipped, this is at least one veterinary practice in the area where he/she
  went missing.
- If the loss or theft happened outside the UK in the other EU countries the booking invoice or another official
  document to show the dates of your trip and evidence showing the loss was reported to the policy or operator.

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### For theft or straving please also send us:

- The purchase receipt from when you bought your pet and if your pet is a pedigree, the original pedigree
  certificate. These must be the originals (copies will not be accepted) and if the claim is paid, these documents
  will not be returned to you.
- If you do not have a purchase receipt OR we have not paid a Veterinary Fees claim under the policy your pet's
  full clinical history and a recent photograph of you and your pet.

## For advertising and reward costs please also send us:

- The invoices and receipts to show the costs you are claiming for.
- If a reward has been given a receipt giving the full name, address, telephone number, email address and signature of the person who found **your pet**.

Further details of how to claim and obtain a claim form, can be found in the 'How to make a claim' section on page 6.

# **Emergency Boarding Fees and Daily Minding**

Cover in this section applies when your pet is in the UK and the other EU countries

In this section 'you' and 'your' mean you and any member of your family permanently residing with you.

## What is covered

We will pay the cost of boarding **your pet** at a licensed boarding establishment or £15 a day towards the cost of someone looking after **your pet** while:

- 1. You are hospitalised during the policy year, for 4 or more consecutive days.
- Your home is uninhabitable as a result of circumstances beyond your control, including but not limited to flood, fire, hurricane and/or enforced evacuation on the order of the emergency services.

You can claim up to the maximum benefit shown on your Certificate of Insurance for all incidents during the policy year.

# What is not covered under Emergency Boarding Fees and Daily Minding

- 1. Any amount if the person looking after your pet lives with you or is a member of your family.
- 2. Any costs resulting from care in a nursing home or from convalescence care that you do not receive in a hospital.
- 3. Any amount that can be claimed back from anywhere else.

# Conditions for Emergency Boarding Fees and Daily Minding

You must keep to these conditions to have the full protection under this section. If you do not, and the condition you have not kept to relates to a claim, we can refuse the claim.

# 1. Timescales for making a claim

You must send us your claim no later than one year after the stay in hospital or your home was uninhabitable. Any claims received after this time will not be covered by the policy.

# 2. The reason you went into hospital

We will only provide cover in this section if you went into hospital because you were injured or ill and the injury happened or the illness first showed symptoms after your pet's cover started. We will not cover any costs if your stay in hospital was due to:

- · Pregnancy or giving birth.
- · Alcoholism, drug abuse or drug addiction.

# 3. When your home is uninhabitable

If **your home** is uninhabitable as a result of circumstances outside of **your** control, **we** will need:

- An explanation of the circumstances surrounding the reason why your home became uninhabitable and evacuation
  was necessary.
- If there was an enforced evacuation, confirmation details for the emergency services that responded.
- The crime reference number (if applicable).
- Details of any claim made under a home insurance policy (if applicable).







# Claiming for Emergency Boarding Fees and Daily Minding

Your doctor/consultant and the owner of the boarding establishment (if one has been used) must complete the relevant section(s) of the claim form.

#### When you need to send us your claims

You must send us your claim no later than one year after the stay in hospital or your home was uninhabitable. Any claims received after this time will not be covered by the policy.

# Please send us the following along with your claim form:

- The invoice from the boarding establishment or written confirmation from the person looking after your pet showing the dates and daily cost of boarding.
- If you were hospitalised outside the UK in the other EU countries the booking invoice or another official document
  to show the dates of your trip.
- If your home was uninhabitable—the relevant details of the event and if applicable, the contact details for the
  attending officer/official and a copy of any home insurance contents claim.

Further details of how to claim and obtain a claim form, can be found in the 'How to make a claim' section on page 6.

# **Trip Cancellation or Return Home**

Cover in this section applies when your pet is in the UK and the other EU countries

#### What is covered

We will pay travel and accommodation expenses for you and your immediate family, which you cannot recover if, during the policy year, you have to:

- a) Cancel your trip because, up to 7 days before you leave your pet needs immediate life-saving veterinary treatment for:
  - An injury, or
  - A new illness (which he/she has never shown signs of before).
- b) Cut your trip short because your pet, who has not gone with you on the trip, needs immediate life-saving veterinary treatment for:
  - An injury, or
  - A new illness (which he/she has never shown signs of before).
- c) Cut your trip short because your pet, who is with you on the trip, needs to return home for the veterinary treatment of:
  - · An injury, or
  - A new illness (which he/she has never shown signs of before).

We will pay for the unused travel and accommodation expenses.

You can claim up to the maximum benefit shown on your Certificate of Insurance for all trips in each policy year.

It's important that you read 'What is not covered' and 'Conditions' for Trip Cancellation or Return Home, Quarantine Costs and Loss of Travel Documents and Emergency Overseas Expenses starting on page 19.

# **Quarantine Costs and Loss of Travel Documents**

Cover in this section applies when your pet is in the UK and the other EU countries

## What is covered

If during a **trip** in the **policy year**, **your pet** is either unable to return to the **UK** or must be quarantined on return to the **UK** because of:

- 1. A new illness (which he/she has never shown signs of before),
- 2. The failure of the microchip, or
- 3. The pet passport being lost or stolen.

# We will pay:

- The cost to keep **your pet** in guarantine,
- The cost of getting a duplicate pet passport. We will also cover the cost of temporary accommodation while
  getting this and extra costs to travel home if you missed your scheduled travel arrangements back home while
  you were waiting for the duplicate.

You can claim up to the maximum benefit shown on your Certificate of Insurance for each separate trip in the policy year.

It's important that you read 'What is not covered' and 'Conditions' under Trip Cancellation or Return Home, Quarantine Costs and Loss of Travel Documents and Emergency Overseas Expenses starting on page 19.







# **Emergency Overseas Expenses**

Cover in this section applies when your pet is outside the UK in one of the other EU countries

#### What is covered

- 1. If, during the **policy year**, **your pet** is **injured** or suffers from a new **illness** (which he/she has never shown signs of before) while on a **trip** and cannot travel **home** the same way he/she travelled abroad, **we** will pay:
  - The cost of accommodation for you to stay after your scheduled date of travel home until your pet is well enough
    to travel, and
  - Extra costs to get you and your pet home.
- 2. If, whilst your pet is on a trip, he/she is lost and is not found before your scheduled return date to the UK, we will pay:
  - · Accommodation costs while you are trying to find your pet after the scheduled date of travel home, and
  - Extra costs to get vou and your pet home.

For covers 1 and 2 combined **you** can claim up to the **maximum benefit** shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance for each separate **trip** in the **policy year**.

3. If your pet's scheduled departure date to the UK is delayed by your travel provider and this results in your pet needing repeat tick and worming treatments, we will pay the veterinary costs for these treatments. For each trip in the policy year, we will pay up to £150 if your pet is covered under the Classic plan and £250 if your pet is covered on the Classic Plus plan.

# What is not covered under Trip Cancellation or Return Home, Quarantine Costs and Loss of Travel Documents and Emergency Overseas Expenses

- 1. Any amount resulting from a pre-existing condition.
- 2. Any amount resulting from an injury or illness which started in the first 14 days of cover.
- 3. Any amount that can be claimed back from anywhere else.
- 4. The cost of food for any person or pet.
- 5. Any amount for returning your pet's body home if he/she dies outside the UK.
- 6. Any costs that result from a microchip reader failing to read a microchip.
- 7. For Trip Cancellation or Return Home Any costs or expenditure for any holiday booked less than 28 days prior to departure.
- 8. For Quarantine Costs and Loss of Travel Documents and Emergency Overseas Expenses only Any amount that results from an **injury** that happens or an **illness** that first shows **clinical signs** before the start of **your trip**.

# Conditions for Trip Cancellation or Return Home, Quarantine Costs and Loss of Travel Documents and Emergency Overseas Expenses

You must keep to these conditions to have the full protection under these sections. If you do not, and the condition you have not kept to relates to a claim, we can refuse the claim.

## 1. Timescales for making a claim

You must send us your claims no later than one year after the trip is cancelled or your pet returns home. Any claims received after this time will not be covered by the policy.

## 2. The cost of accommodation

- For Quarantine Costs and Loss of Travel Documents we will provide 7 days' accommodation costs.
- For Emergency Overseas Expenses we will provide 14 days' accommodation costs.

For both sections, we will cover up to £50 for each day's accommodation. If you stay at a property owned by you or your family, we will not cover any accommodation costs.

# 3. Going overseas for veterinary treatment

We will not provide any cover if your pet left the UK to get treatment in another country.

# 4. Veterinary confirmation

When **you** claim **you** need to provide evidence of the below:

- For Trip cancellation or Return Home if your pet goes with you on a trip and returns home for treatment, you will
  only be able to claim under this section if a vet confirms your pet had to return home for treatment.
- For Emergency overseas expenses you will only be able to claim for travel and accommodation costs if a vet
  confirms your pet was too sick to travel home the same way he/she travelled abroad.

# 5. Your pet's micro-chip and pet passport

- a) When **your pet passport** is left unattended, it must be kept in **your** locked accommodation or in the locked boot, covered luggage area or glove compartment of a locked vehicle.
- b) If your pet passport is lost or stolen, within 24 hours of discovering it missing, you must report the incident to the police and obtain a police report. If the loss or theft occurred on a ship, aircraft, train or coach, you must report the loss to the operator and get a report.







c) Your pet's microchip must meet the standards ISO 11784 or ISO 11785.

## 6. If your pet is lost while on a trip

For Emergency Overseas Expenses only

Within 24 hours of finding that **your pet** is missing **you** must report the loss to the police or relevant transport operator. **You** need to get written confirmation of **your** report and this must be sent to **us** with **your** claim.

#### 7. Notification of your trip cancellation

Within 48 hours of finding out **you** have to cancel **your trip**, **you** must notify the company providing **your** transport or accommodation, their agents or any person acting for **you**. If there are any additional cancellation charges because **you** did not do this. **we** will deduct this charge from the claim settlement

# 8. Costs for the repeat tick and worming treatment

If a repeat tick and travel treatment is needed, **we** will pay the costs, providing it was necessary in order to comply with the **Pet Travel Scheme (PETS)** and:

- The treatment was not carried out for the original departure date, and
- The initial tick and worming treatment, needed for your departure from the UK, was performed in the timescales
  required by the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS).

To understand how much we will cover, please see 'What is covered' under Emergency Overseas Expenses.

# Claiming for Trip Cancellation or Return Home, Quarantine Costs and Loss of Travel Documents and Emergency Overseas Expenses

## When you need to send us your claims

You must send us your claims no later than one year after your trip was cancelled or your pet returns home. Any claims received after this time will not be covered by the policy.

# If you are claiming for Trip Cancellation or Return Home, please send us:

- The booking and cancellation invoices from the holiday sales organisation. The invoices must show the date of booking, the dates and total cost of your holiday, the date you decided to cancel or return home and any expenses that you cannot recover.
- If your pet goes with you on the trip and has to return home for treatment confirmation from a vet that your pet had to return home for treatment.

# If you are claiming for Quarantine Costs and Loss of Travel Documents or Emergency Overseas Expenses, please send us:

- The booking invoice or another official document showing the dates of your trip.
- The invoices and receipts to show the costs you are claiming.
- If you are claiming for travel and accommodation costs because your pet needed treatment confirmation from a vet that your pet was too ill to travel home the same way it travelled abroad.
- If you are claiming for travel and accommodation costs because your pet was lost evidence showing the loss was
  reported to the police or travel operator within 24 hours of discovering he/she was missing.
- If you are claiming due to the loss of your pet passport evidence showing the loss was reported to the police or travel operator within 24 hours of discovering it was missing.
- If you are claiming for the repeat tick and worming treatment:
  - a) Evidence showing that the initial tick and worming treatment, required for the original date of departure, was carried out in the time-scale required by the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) and that the repeat tick and worming treatment was necessary in order to comply with the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS).
  - b) Written confirmation from your travel provider of the delay.

Further details of how to claim and obtain a claim form, can be found in the 'How to make a claim' section on page 6.







# **Helplines**

# Bereavement counselling

This service is run by the Blue Cross - you can get help by calling 0800 138 6533.

#### Legal advice helpline

You have access to Lawphone, which gives you legal advice on any personal legal issue that affects you. It is available 24 hours a day 365 days a year. It does not provide legal advice for business issues.

**How to get the advice** - Phone **0370 241 4140** and quote master policy number 36823. **You** will then be asked for a brief summary of the problem and these details will be passed to an advisor who will call **you** back.

The advice **you** get from Lawphone will always be according to the laws of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. **We** may record the calls for **your** and **our** mutual protection and **our** training purposes. This service is provided by Allianz Legal Protection, a trading name of Allianz Insurance plc.

# General exclusions that apply to all sections of your policy

- 1. There is no cover under this policy if:
- a) **Your** dog is, or is crossed with, a Pit Bull Terrier, Dogo Argentino, Fila Braziliero, Japanese Tosa, Irish Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Sarloos Wolfhound/Wolfdog, Czechoslovakian Wolf Dog, Wolf or any Wolf hybrid.
- b) Your dog is being used for quarding, track racing, or coursing.
- c) Your dog must be registered under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, the Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Act 1997 or any further amendments to this Act.
- d) Your pet is being used for breeding or in connection with any business, trade, profession or occupation.
- 2. Laws and regulations all sections of your policy do not cover:
- a) Any amount if you break the UK laws or regulations, including those relating to animal health or importation.
- b) Any amount if a government or another official body orders that your pet must be vaccinated against illness as part of a compulsory mass vaccination programme. We will not pay any costs relating to this vaccination itself or any complications that happen due to the procedure taking place. For the purpose of this insurance, 'a mass vaccination programme' means a programme of the compulsory vaccination of a species, or a selected group within a species, with the aim of protecting that group, people or other animals from illness or another risk.
- c) Any amount that results from your pet worrying livestock. This includes, but is not limited to, if your pet is confiscated or destroyed by government or public authorities or under the Animals Act 1971 (or any further amendments to this Act) because it was worrying livestock. For the purpose of this insurance 'worrying livestock' means to chase or attach livestock (including but not limited to cattle, sheep, goats, pigs horses or poultry) on agricultural land in contravention of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953.
- d) Any amount if the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) have put any restrictions on your pet.
- e) Any amount connected with, or resulting from, a Criminal Court Case or an Act of Parliament.
- War risks, terrorism, civil commotion and radioactive contamination all sections of your policy do not cover:
- a) Any loss or damage caused by, or resulting from, war of any nature, including but not limited to war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities and warlike actions (whether war be declared or not) and civil war.
- b) Any loss or damage caused by, or resulting from, rebellion, riot, revolution, nationalization, confiscation, expropriation, deprivation, requisition, insurrection, civil commotion assuming to proportion of or amounting to an uprising and military or usurped power.
- c) Any loss or damage caused by, or resulting from, any act of terrorism. An act of terrorism is any act of persons acting on behalf of, or in connection with, any organisation which carries out activities directed towards the overthrowing or influencing, by force or violence, of Her Majesty's government in the United Kingdom or any other government de jure or de facto.
- d) Any loss or damage caused by, or resulting from, ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste, from combustion of nuclear fuel, the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any nuclear assembly or nuclear component of such assembly.
- 4. Notifiable diseases and disease transfer all sections of your policy do not cover
- a) Any amount for any notifiable disease as named in the Animal Health Act 1981 or an Order made under that Act, for example but not limited to rabies. A notifiable disease is any disease that is required by law to be reported to the government or authorities.
- b) Any amount resulting from a disease transmitted from animals to humans.









# Making a complaint

Our aim is to get it right, first time every time. If we make a mistake, we will try to put it right straight away. If we are unable to, we will confirm we have received your complaint within five working days and do our best to resolve the problem within four weeks. If we cannot we will let you know when an answer may be expected. If we have not resolved the situation within eight weeks we will issue you with information about the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) which offers a free, independent complaint resolution service.

If you have a complaint please contact our Customer Satisfaction Manager at:

Pets at Home Pet Insurance, Allianz Insurance plc, Great West House (GW2), Great West Road, Brentford, Middlesex TW8 9DX, United Kingdom Telephone: 0344 391 1091

Email: petsathome.complaints@allianz.co.uk

You have the right to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman, free of charge - but you must do so within six months of the date of the final response letter. If you do not refer your complaint in time, the Ombudsman will not have our permission to consider your complaint and so will only be able to do so in very limited circumstances. For example, if the Ombudsman believes that the delay was as a result of exceptional circumstances.

The Financial Ombudsman Service,

Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR

Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk
Telephone: 0800 0234567 or 0300 1239123
Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

The European Commission has an online dispute resolution service for consumers who have a complaint about a product or service bought online. If **you** choose to submit **your** complaint this way it will be forwarded to the Financial Ombudsman Service. Visit ec.europa.eu/odr to access the Online Dispute Resolution Service. Please quote our e-mail address: petsathome.complaints@allianz.co.uk. Alternatively, **you** can contact the Financial Ombudsman Service directly.

Using our complaints procedure or contacting the FOS does not affect your legal rights.

# **Financial Services Compensation Scheme**

If Allianz is unable to meet its liabilities **you** may be entitled to compensation under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). Further information about compensation scheme arrangements is available at www.fscs.org.uk, by emailing enquiries@fscs.org.uk or by phoning the FSCS on 0800 678 1100 or 0207 741 4100.

# Contacting us

 Our telephone number
 0344 209 0786

 For third party claims only
 01483 218 782

Our email address petsathome.customerservice@allianz.co.uk

Our address Pets at Home Pet Insurance
Allianz Insurance plc

Great West Road

Brentford Middlesex TW8 9DX United Kingdom

To obtain a claim form 0344 391 1087
Bereavement Counselling Helpline 0800 138 6533
Legal Advice Helpline 0370 241 4140

Please contact us if you require a copy of this Policy Booklet in large print or Braille





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