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Demands and Needs - who is this product suitable for?

This product meets the demands and needs of a rabbit owner who wants cover for the ongoing costs of veterinary treatment, for illnesses and injuries, over the life of their rabbit.

Terms and Conditions – Premier Rabbit

Effective 6th December 2018

The details of **your rabbit'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 rabbit's** cover due to his/her age. A section is only included in cover if it's shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance. It's important that **you** check **your rabbit'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.

Clinical sign/signs

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

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 rabbit 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 rabbit** 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 rabbit'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 rabbit'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 rabbit'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 rabbit** 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 rabbit**.

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

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 rabbit** has been cancelled from your insurance.

Pre-existing condition

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

This applies in all cases regardless of whether:

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

Rabbit/rabbit's

The rabbit which is named on your Certificate of Insurance.

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 9.

UK

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

Vet

A Veterinary Surgeon who is registered with the RCVS (Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons).

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/your

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 vour rabbit's health.
- Provide a secure and safe environment for your rabbit to prevent injury, illness, theft or straying.

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 rabbit:

- **Dental care your rabbit** 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 rabbit must be kept vaccinated against myxomatosis and viral haemorrhagic disease. If not, we will not cover any amount for the illness which has not been vaccinated against.

3. Providing timely veterinary treatment

If your rabbit is unwell and shows signs of an injury/illness, you must arrange for a vet to examine and treat your rabbit 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 rabbit and your residence

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

5 If your rabbit 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. If your rabbit 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 **your** cover starting. This only applied in **your** first **policy year** and does not apply when **you** renew **your** policy with **us**. For further details please read the definition 'injury or illness which started in the first 14 days of cover'.

7. 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 rabbit**. If a charge is made for this information, **you** must pay the charge.

8. Paying your premium

- a) Your rabbit 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 rabbit 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.

9. 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.

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

At renewal of **your** policy, **we** can change the:

- Premium
- · Excesses that you pay, and/or
- Terms and Conditions of vour policy.

We will always tell you before your renewal date of any changes so you can consider if your policy still meets your needs.

11. 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 rabbit** during the **policy year**, unless:

- You decide to change your or your rabbit'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.

12. 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.

13. If you are a member of veterinary staff

If you are a vet, you can treat your rabbit but another vet must countersign the claim form. If you are a veterinary nurse you cannot complete the veterinary practice part of your own claim form.

14. 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 5.*

15. 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

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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 rabbit. 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 8 in this section – 'Paying your premium'.

20. Cover following the cancellation of a policy

If your policy is cancelled or comes to an end for any reason, all cover for your rabbit 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 rabbit is in the UK only

What is covered

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

We will provide ongoing cover for illnesses and injuries, year after year, providing you continue to pay your premium and renew your policy each year, without any break in cover. Your policy provides an amount of money in each policy year for you to claim for all illnesses and injuries. This is called the maximum benefit. The amount you can claim in each policy year for all illnesses and injuries is shown on your Certificate of Insurance. Every 12 months, if you renew your policy, the maximum benefit is replenished and you will again have the full amount to claim from in the next policy year. If your cover is cancelled or stops for any reason, all cover for your rabbit will end and no further claims will be paid.

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 13 in 'Conditions for Veterinary Fees' to understand when dental treatment will be covered.
- 2. The below complementary treatments:
 - Acupuncture
 - Chiropractic manipulation
 - Herbal medicine
 - Homeopathy
 - Osteopathy
 - Physiotherapy for the purpose of this insurance, this does not include any form of hydrotherapy.

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

3. The cost of euthanasia - when needed to alleviate incurable and inhumane suffering.

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 9 in 'Who needs to carry out treatment?'

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 costs of killing and controlling fleas and the cost of general health improvers.
- 6. The cost of any treatment in connection with breeding, pregnancy and/or giving birth.
- 7. The cost of any food for your rabbit, this includes:
 - Any food prescribed by a vet, and/or
 - · Any special diet food.
- 8. The cost of treating any **injury** or **illness** deliberately caused by **you**, anyone living with **you**, anyone else looking after or handling **your rabbit**.
- The cost of any treatment in connection with false pregnancy if your rabbit has received veterinary treatment for more than 2 episodes of false pregnancy.
- 10. The cost of surgical items that can be used more than once.
- 11. The cost of any joint replacement(s) or prosthesis (also known as an artificial body part) and any **veterinary treatment** needed to fit the joint replacement/prosthesis.
- 12. The cost of transplant surgery, including pre- and post-operative care.
- 13. The cost of any products which are used to try to calm and/or de-stress your rabbit.
- 14. The cost of a post-mortem examination and/or report.
- 15. The cost of transporting your rabbit, including any costs to get your rabbit to, or from, any veterinary practice.

It's important that you also read 'Conditions for Veterinary Fees' below and 'Who needs to carry out treatment?' on page 9. 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. Timescales for making a claim

You must send us your claim no later than one year after your rabbit received treatment. Any claims we get after this time will not be covered by your policy. If treatment is ongoing you must make sure that claims are sent to us at least once every 12 months.

2. The maximum benefit that we will pay

Please read 'What is covered' on page 5 to find out more about the maximum benefit.

The most **we** will pay for the cost of treatment is the **maximum benefit** that applies on the date the treatment is carried out. If the claim includes medication, the cost of the medication will be taken from the **maximum benefit** that applies on the date the medication will be used.









The following are covered in the *Veterinary Fees* section, but have individual monetary limits within the *Veterinary Fees* **maximum benefit** - *dental treatment, complementary treatment,* and *the cost of euthanasia*. To understand how much you can claim for these, please refer to '*Limits within this section*' on page 5.

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

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

Any costs relating to that **illness** will never 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 rabbit'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 rabbit** developed a cataract in his/her left eye 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 right eye.

4. Another vet reviewing your rabbit's details

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

5 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 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.

6. If you claim over £10,000 during your rabbit's life

If over the life of your rabbit you have claimed over £10,000, to make sure your rabbit is receiving the best treatment available, we can require one or more of the following:

- Before any further Veterinary fees claims are considered your rabbit needs to be examined by a specialist/ consultant yet that we choose. We will pay any costs for this.
- All future veterinary treatment (other than emergency life-saving treatment) needs to be authorised by us before
 treatment is carried out. A pre-authorisation claim form needs to be submitted and we will then let you know if we will
 pay for the cost of treatment.
- All future **veterinary treatment** needs to be carried out in conjunction with a specialist/consultant **vet** or **therapist** that **we** choose.

If any of these are necessary we will contact you.

7. If you want a second opinion

If you decide to take your rabbit 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.

8. The costs relating to putting your rabbit to sleep (also known as euthanasia)

Your policy covers the cost of putting **your rabbit** 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 rabbit** is put to sleep for any other reason, including (but not limited to) aggression or behaviour, these costs will not be covered. **Your** policy does not cover the costs of having **your rabbit** cremated, buried or disposed of.

9. 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 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.

10. The cost of house visits

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

- · Your rabbit was suffering from a life-threatening injury or illness, and
- That moving your rabbit 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.







11. The cost of out of hours treatment and hospitalisation

We will only cover the cost of your rabbit 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 rabbit'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.

12. 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 rabbit**. 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.

13. The cost of dental treatment

- a) We will cover the treatment of a dental injury or illness. if:
 - Your rabbit 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.

We will cover up to the maximum benefit detailed on your Certificate of Insurance.

b) We will not cover the cost of trimming, burring or rasping your rabbit's teeth.

14. The cost to neuter your rabbit

The only time **we** will cover the cost of neutering **your rabbit** is if it is carried out when **your rabbit** 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 rabbit** 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.

15. The cost to vaccinate your rabbit

We will not cover the cost of vaccinations; however, if your rabbit 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 rabbit 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 14.

16. The cost of bathing and grooming your rabbit

We will only cover the cost of bathing your rabbit 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 rabbit.

17. Your policy does not cover any behavioural illness

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

18. 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.

19. 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) heat pads and lamps etc.

20. 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.







21. Complementary and alternative treatments

We will pay for acupuncture, chiropractic manipulation, herbal medicine, homeopathy, osteopathy and physiotherapy under the *Complementary Treatment* limit within your *Veterinary Fees* section of cover. We will not pay for any other complementary or alternative treatments. Your rabbit may need some veterinary treatment to support a complementary/ alternative treatment. The cost of this veterinary treatment 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.

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 rabbit** for the treatment and confirm to **us** when **you** claim that it is required to treat the **injury** or **illness**.

Veterinary treatment:	A vet , a veterinary nurse or another member of a veterinary practice under the supervision of a vet
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
Osteopathy:	A member of a veterinary practice 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 rabbit received treatment. Any claims received after this time will not be covered by the policy. If you need to claim for an ongoing condition, you and your vet must complete a claim form and supply us with the supporting invoices at least once every 12 months.

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 rabbit his/her full clinical history. This is a record of all visits your rabbit has made to a vet and can be obtained from each veterinary practice your rabbit 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 complementary treatment the claim form must be signed by your vet and the therapist must
 provide invoices showing the costs involved.

Further details of how to claim and obtain a claim form, can be found in the 'How to make a claim' section on page 5.







Death from Injury

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

What is covered

We will pay the price you paid for your rabbit 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 rabbit is in the UK only

What is covered

We will pay the price you paid for your rabbit 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 rabbit, we will pay the market value or the purchase price/donation amount, whichever is less. If you did not pay for your rabbit, 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 rabbit's death results from a pre-existing condition.
- 3. Any amount if your rabbit's death results from an injury or illness which started in the first 14 days of cover.
- 4. Any amount if your rabbit's death results from breeding, pregnancy or giving birth.
- 5. Any amount if your rabbit is put to sleep due to a behavioural illness or problem.
- 6. Any amount for having **your rabbit** put to sleep, cremated, buried, or disposed of. Please see the 'Conditions for Veterinary Fees' point 8 to understand when we may cover costs for euthanasia.

Conditions for Death from Injury and Death from Illness

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

2. We will automatically remove the Death from Illness section when your rabbit gets to a certain age

Your rabbit's Death from Illness cover will be automatically removed by us at the rrenewal following his/her 5th birthday. After this time, all cover in this section will stop.

3. Cover following a claim

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

Claiming for Death from Injury or Illness

When you need to send us your claim form

You must send us your claim no later than one year after your rabbit'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 rabbit.
- If your rabbit 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 rabbit's death.

Further details of how to claim and obtain a claim form, can be found in the 'How to make a claim' section on page 5.









Advertising and Reward Costs

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

What is covered

If your rabbit 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 rabbit back.

You can claim up to the maximum benefit shown on your Certificate of Insurance. If your rabbit 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 you,
- Is employed by you,
- Was caring for your rabbit when he/she was lost or stolen,
- · Stole your rabbit,
- Is in collusion with the person who stole vour rabbit.

Conditions for Advertising and Reward Costs

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 your rabbit went missing. Any claims received after this time will not be covered by the policy.

2 Actions you must take when you find your rabbit is missing

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

- If you believe your rabbit may have been stolen, within 24 hours of finding out he/she 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.
- · Within 5 days of finding out your rabbit is missing:
 - If your rabbit is microchipped, you must notify your microchip provider.
 - If your rabbit 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 rabbit:
 - 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 Certificate 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 signature of, the person who found your rabbit. This must be submitted with your claim.

4. 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 receipts showing the costs you are claiming.

5. Using the services of another party to find your rabbit

We will cover the cost of another party producing missing posters/leaflets and advertising the loss of your rabbit 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 rabbit (either on foot, with search dogs or equipment)
- To produce anything other than posters/leaflets
- To communicate with people about the loss or to report your rabbit missing to other people/organisations (other than
 to advertise on the internet and social media)
- · To distribute/display advertising materials etc









6. Keeping your policy running while your rabbit is missing

You can keep your policy running for as long as you like after your rabbit goes missing to protect against injuries or illnesses which happen while he/she is away. We will continue with cover providing you pay your premiums and renew your policy (without a break in cover). We will not automatically cancel your rabbit's cover if we pay a claim under this section. 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.

Claiming for Advertising and Reward Costs

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 rabbit 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 rabbit.
- The relevant party being notified within 5 days of your rabbit going missing. If your rabbit is microchipped, this is
 the microchip provider. If your rabbit is not microchipped, this is at least one veterinary practice in the area where
 he/she went missing.
- 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 rabbit.

Further details of how to claim and obtain a claim form, can be found in the 'How to make a claim' section on page 5.

Emergency Boarding Fees and Daily Minding

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

In this section 'vou' and 'vour' mean vou and any member of vour family permanently residing with vou.

What is covered

We will pay the cost of boarding your rabbit at a licensed boarding establishment or £15 a day towards the cost of someone looking after your rabbit 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 rabbit 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 rabbit'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 rabbit showing the dates and daily cost of boarding.
- 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 5.

Trip Cancellation or Return Home

Cover in this section applies when your rabbit is in the UK and you are either in the UK or in 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:

- Cancel your trip because, up to 7 days before you leave your rabbit 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 rabbit**, 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).

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

What is not covered under Trip Cancellation or Return Home

- 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 any food for any person or any pet.
- 5. Any costs or expenditure for any holiday booked less than 28 days prior to departure.

Conditions for Trip Cancellation or Return Home

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 the 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 you return home. Any claims received after this time will not be covered by the policy.

2. Notification of your trip cancellation

Within 48 hours of finding out that **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.







Claiming for Trip Cancellation or Return Home

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 you return home. Any claims received after this time will not be covered by the policy.

Please send us the following along with your claim form:

- Confirmation from a vet of the treatment your rabbit needed this isn't needed if you are submitting a Veterinary
 Fees claim for the illness/injury that caused your trip cancellation.
- 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.

Further details of how to claim and obtain a claim form, can be found in the 'How to make a claim' section on page 5.

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 your rabbit is being used for breeding or used 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 rabbit 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 if the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) have put any restrictions on your rabbit.
- d) Any amount connected with, or resulting from, a Criminal Court Case or an Act of Parliament.
- 3. 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

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

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To obtain a claim form 0344 391 1087

Bereavement Counselling Helpline 0800 138 6533

Legal Advice Helpline 0370 241 4140

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