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# **Policy Document** Maximum Benefit / Lifetime

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# **Pet Insurance Policy Summary**

This **policy** summary does not contain the full details of the limits, terms, conditions or exclusions of the insurance cover. Please refer to the **policy schedule** and **policy** wording for the full details of the insurance cover.

#### Type of Insurance

This Pet Insurance covers the cost of **veterinary** fees for **your pet** should it be injured or become ill. Third party liability cover is for dogs only.

#### Name of Insurer

This insurance **policy** is underwritten by QIC Europe Limited.

#### Period of Cover

This is an annual insurance **policy** which will remain in force for 12 months from the start date of the **policy**. The **policy** must be renewed in order for the cover to continue.

### Significant Features and Benefits

The below table details the significant features and benefits of the **policy** cover. Further information regarding these and other benefits can be found in the **policy** wording document.

| Cover Level                               | Max Benefit                           | Lifetime                              |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Veterinary Fees                           | Please refer<br>to Policy<br>Schedule | Please refer<br>to Policy<br>Schedule |
| Policy Type                               | Max Benefit <sup>1</sup>              | Lifetime <sup>2</sup>                 |
| Death from illness or injury <sup>3</sup> | £500                                  | £1,500                                |
| Third party liability cover (dogs only)   | £1 million                            | £2 million                            |
| Loss due to theft or straying             | £750                                  | £1,500                                |
| Advertising and reward                    | £750                                  | £1,500                                |
| Boarding fees                             | £750                                  | £1,250                                |
| Holiday cancellation costs                | £1,000                                | £1,750                                |
| Overseas travel                           | 1 Month                               | 12 Months                             |
| Quarantine costs                          | £500                                  | £1,000                                |
| Loss of PET passport                      | £250                                  | £250                                  |
| Emergency expenses abroad                 | £350                                  | £1,000                                |
| Accidental damage                         | £250                                  | £500                                  |

 Vets fee cover is provided up to the limit per each specifically identifiable illness or injury subject to the renewal of the policy at each anniversary and premiums paid on time. Treatment in respect of any specifically identifiable illness or injury can continue until the original veterinary fees limit has been reached. Once the veterinary fees limit has been reached, the illness or injury will become excluded from cover.

2. Vets fee cover is provided per period of insurance for treatment of all covered illnesses and injuries up to the limit. Subject to the renewal of the policy and premiums paid on time, cover will reinstate at renewal and ongoing conditions will continue to be covered up to the limit for

#### the subsequent period of insurance.

3. Cover for death from **illness** or **injury** will end when **your pet** has reached 8 years and above in the case of dogs and 10 years of age and above in the case of cats.

#### Significant Exclusions and Limitations

Below is a list of the main significant exclusions and limitations of the **policy** cover. Further information regarding these and other exclusions and limitations relating to the **policy** can be found in the **policy** wording document.

- There is no cover for pre-existing conditions with this policy. This includes any illnesses which developed before or within the first 14 days of the policy start date. Injuries which occurred before or within the first 48 hours of the policy start date will not be covered. See 'Veterinary Fees – What is not covered, point 4.
- You are responsible for paying the policy excesses as detailed in your policy schedule. This will include either a fixed excess or a fixed excess and percentage excess. The fixed excess is payable per condition, per year and if applicable, the percentage excess is payable on all claimed amounts once the fixed excess has been deducted. See 'Definitions – Excess'.
- You must report your claim to us within 60 days of the condition beginning. See 'Claims Conditions General', point 1.
- Any costs relating to routine, preventative and elective treatments, including routine examinations, vaccinations, spaying, grooming and costs relating to breeding, pregnancy or giving birth. See 'Veterinary Fees – What is not covered', point 8.
- Dental treatment except as a result of an **accident**. See 'Veterinary Fees What is not covered', point 9.
- Death from illness or injury cover will stop when your pet reaches 8 years and above for dogs and 10 years and above for cats. See 'Death from Illness or Injury – What is not covered', point 2.

#### Cancellation

Within 14 days of the receipt of **your policy** documentation **you** can decide not to continue with the **policy** cover and **you** will be refunded any monies already paid providing no claims have been made. **You** can do so by contacting **us** and returning **your policy** documentation.

If after the initial 14 day period **you** wish to cancel **your policy we** will refund the premium for the unused **period of cover** so long as there have been no claims made.

#### Claiming

If **you** need to make a claim, please contact **us** on 0330 134 8115 with **your policy** number and **we** will be able to assist **you** with **your** claim.





#### Complaints

We are committed to providing you with the highest levels of service. If you feel that we have not met your expectations, please contact us first by emailing us at <u>complaints@blueinsurance.co.uk</u> or by calling us on 0344 273 2777.

If we are unable to resolve your complaint or you are unhappy with the service that you have received you may take your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service. Full details of our complaints procedure can be found in the policy wording document.

#### Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

If we or the insurer are unable to meet obligations to our policyholders, you may be entitled to claim for compensation under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). Further information about the scheme is available from the FSCS website at www.fscs.org.uk or by contacting us on 0344 308 7359. Please make sure that **you** read this **policy** fully to ensure the cover meets **your** needs.

### Statement of Demands and Needs

This product meets the demands and needs of those who wish to ensure that the **veterinary** needs of their **pet** are met throughout the duration of the **policy**.

This **policy** wording is part of **your** insurance contract. The other parts are **your policy schedule** and the email confirmation.

### Definitions

Words that have special meanings throughout this **policy** document are explained below and have the same meaning throughout this **policy**.

Accident: A sudden, unexpected and unintended event which happens during the **period of insurance**, which causes bodily **injury** or death to **your pet**.

**Bilateral Disorder(s):** Those that may affect body parts on both sides of the body, including but not limited to ears, eyes, elbows, shoulders, knees, hips and cruciate ligaments, are considered as one **condition**.

Cancellation Period: The first 14 days from the start of this policy.

Claims Administrator: All claims, with the exception of Third Party Liability claims will be handled by Sterling Client Services trading as

Sterling Pet Solutions (50 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling,

Kent ME19 4JX), registered in England and Wales No.09015536. Telephone 0330 134 8115.

Third Party Liability claims will be handled by Davies Managed Systems (DMS) P.O Box 2801, Telecom House, Trinity Street, Stoke on Trent, STI 5ND. Telephone 0344 856 3838. Email claims@daviesgroup.com.

Clinical sign: Any changes in **your pet's** normal health, bodily functions or behaviour.

Complementary Medicine: Means acupuncture, behavioural therapy, chiropractic treatment, herbal medicine, homeopathy, hydrotherapy, physiotherapy and osteopathy recommended by your vet. All complementary medicine or treatment must be carried out by either a vet; a therapist who is a Certified Clinical Animal Behaviourist (CCAB); or registered members of the following associations and organisations:

- Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Animal Therapy (ACPAT)
- Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors (APBC)
- Canine and Feline Behaviour Association (CFBA)
- Canine Hydrotherapy Association (CHA)
- Institute of Registered Veterinary and Animal

Physiotherapists (IRVAP)

- International Association of Animal Therapists (IAAT)
- International Vet Chiropractic Association (IVCA)
- McTimony Chiropractic Association
- National Association of Registered Canine Hydro therapists (NARCH)
- National Association of Veterinary Physiotherapists (NAVP)

**Condition:** Means any specifically identifiable **illness** or **injury** or any clinical signs of them. Recurring or on-going **conditions** shall be considered as one loss. These are defined as either: a)Clinical manifestations resulting in the same diagnosis

- (regardless of the number of Incidents or areas of the body affected) to which **your pet** has an on-going predisposition or susceptibility related in any way to the original claim; or,
- b)**Conditions** which are incurable and likely to continue for the remainder of **your pet's** life.

Excess: Means the amount you are required to pay towards the cost of any veterinary fees, including complementary medicine and prescription diet as part of a claim made under the policy. The excesses applicable are shown on your policy schedule of insurance and will be deducted from the claims settlement. This will include either a fixed excess or a fixed excess and percentage excess:

- Fixed excess only. Means the amount you are required to pay as the first part of a claim(s) made under the policy and will be payable each policy year for each illness or injury.
- Fixed excess and percentage excess. The fixed excess will be deducted as described above. The percentage excess will be applied to all costs after the fixed excess has been applied. Please see an example of how to calculate the amount you will need to contribute in the event of a claim below.

| Amount Claimed         |                      | £1,500 |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------|
| Less Fixed Excess      | £80                  | £1,420 |
| Less Percentage Excess | 10% of £1,420 = £142 | £1,278 |
| Total Paid to You      |                      | £1,278 |
| Total Paid by You      | £80 + £142 = £222    |        |

Immediate Family: your husband, wife, civil partner, life partner, parents, son, daughter living with you.

**Illness:** Disease, sickness or any changes to **your pet's** normal healthy state or behaviour not caused by **injury**, and defects and abnormalities (including those **your pet** was born with or were passed on by its parents).

#### Illness in the First 14 Days: Any illness that:

- First showed clinical signs; or,
- is caused by, relates to, or results from, an illness or clinical sign your pet had; or,
- has the same diagnosis or clinical signs as an illness or clinical sign your pet had; in the first 14 days after the start of your policy; no matter where the illness or clinical signs appear, are noticed or happen in, or on, your pet's body.
   Please also refer to your policy schedule of insurance for details of any endorsements that apply to your policy.



Injury: Physical damage or trauma to your pet that is caused by an accident.

## Injury in the First 48 Hours: Any injury that:

- happened or first showed clinical signs; or,
- is caused by, relates to, or results from, an **iniury** or clinical sign your pet had; or,
- has the same diagnosis or clinical signs as an injury or clinical sign **your pet** had; in the first 48 hours after the start of **your policy**: no matter where the **iniury** or clinical signs appear, are noticed or happen in, or on, your pet's body. Please also refer to **your policy schedule** of insurance for details of any endorsements that apply to your policy.

Lifetime Cover: Lifetime (reinstatement) cover policies provides vet fee cover per period of insurance for treatment of all **injuries** and **illnesses** up to the limit detailed in **your** policy schedule. Subject to the renewal of the policy and premiums paid on time, cover will reinstate at renewal and ongoing **conditions** will continue to be covered up to the limit detailed in your policy schedule for treatment of all injuries and illnesses for the subsequent period of insurance.

Market Value: This is the price of an animal of the same age, breed, pedigree and sex at the time you purchased your pet.

Maximum (Max) Benefit Cover: Max Benefit Cover policies provides vet's fee cover up to the limit on your policy schedule, per each specifically identifiable illness or injury subject to the renewal of the **policy** at each anniversary and premiums paid on time. Treatment in respect of any specifically identifiable **illness** or **injury** can continue until the original veterinary fees limit has been reached. Once the veterinary fees limit has been reached, the illness or injury will become excluded from cover.

Period of Insurance: Means the time for which we provide cover as set out in the policy schedule and for which we have accepted **your** premium. This is normally 12 months but may be less if your policy is cancelled. Each renewal is the a)For treatment received in the United Kingdom this must start of a new period of insurance.

Pet: The dog or cat specified in the policy schedule of insurance.

PETS Travel Scheme (PETS): The Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) is b) For treatment received outside the United Kingdom this the Government system people in the UK use to take their pets to certain countries and bring them back without the need for quarantine. (Excluding non EU listed countries as defined by DEFRA.)

Policy: Means your policy wording and most recent policy schedule of insurance.

Policy Schedule: The document issued to you by us which contains the details about you, your pet and the policy limits and excesses that apply to the cover that you have purchased.

Pre-existing Condition: Any **illness** or **injury** that: happened or first showed clinical signs; or,

- has the same diagnosis or clinical signs as an injury. illness or clinical sign your pet had; or,
- is caused by, relates to, or results from, an injury, illness or clinical sign your pet had; before the start date of your **policy** or within the first 48 hours for **injuries** and 14 days for illnesses, of the start date of your policy; no matter where the **illness** or clinical signs appear, are noticed or happen in, or on, your pet's body. Please also refer to your policy schedule of insurance for details of any endorsements that apply to your policy

Prescription Diet: A scientifically formulated pet food prescribed by a **vet** to assist with the **treatment** of a specific illness or injury.

Terrorism: Means an act, including but not limited to the use of force or violence and/or the threat thereof, of any person or group(s) of persons, whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation(s) or government(s). committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes including the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear.

Treatment: This must be provided by a veterinary practice and includes any consultations, examinations and advice; diagnostic tests, X-rays; surgical procedures; drugs and medication prescribed; nursing; and hospitalisation provided by, or under the direction of a vet.

Unattended: This means any occasion when your pet is left alone or where you are not in a position to control its behaviour.

UK: The United Kingdom, including England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, excluding the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man

### Vet/Veterinary:

- be a fully qualified veterinary practitioner who works in veterinary practice and is currently registered with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, or a member of the veterinary practice when acting under the direction of the fully aualified **veterinary** practitioner.
- must be a fully qualified veterinary practitioner registered in the country that the treatment was received in and covered by the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS).

We/Us/Our: ALL sections of this policy are Underwritten under facility reference B0142A162653 granted by the Insurer to Cranbrook Underwriting Ltd, (registered number 04286691, registered office 1 Minster Court, Mincing Lane, London EC3R 7AA), which is an appointed representative of Chesterfield Insurance Brokers Ltd. (registered number 03013489, registered office 1 Minster Court, Mincing Lane, London EC3R 7AA), which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. The Insurer is QIC Europe Limited, (registered office: The Hedge Business Centre, Trig ir-Rampa ta San Giljan, St. Julian's STJ1062, Malta), which is authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority and authorised

and regulated by the Malta Financial Services Authority (No. C67694).

You/Your/Yourself: The person named in the policy schedule and the owner and carer of **your pet**.

# **General Conditions**

You must comply with the following conditions to have the full protection of your policy. If you do not comply, we may at our discretion cancel the **policy** or refuse to deal with **your** claim or reduce the amount of any claim payment.

#### You, Your Policy and Renewal

- You must be a resident of the United Kingdom, the owner and keeper of the **pet** and the **pet** must be kept in the United Kingdom at the address you have provided.
- You must be over 18 years of age at the start of the **policy**.
- Your policy is governed by English Law.
- If there are any significant changes to your policy e.g. change of address, change of name, etc., you need to notify us immediately. Failure to do so may result in a delay of processing a claim. If this change affects your vearly premium, we will recalculate the premium from the date of notification.
- At the renewal of your policy we may change the amount of your premium, fixed excess or percentage excess: and/or make changes to the policy wording or cover offered.

At the end of the **period of insurance**, your policy will be automatically renewed, unless you have informed us that you do not want your policy to continue. We will advise you within a reasonable time prior to renewal that **your policy** will automatically renew and inform you of any changes to the policy or premium.

- You must keep your pet vaccinated against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis and parvovirus in the case of dogs; or against feline infectious enteritis, feline influenza and feline leukaemia in the case of cats; or as advised by **your vet**. All vaccinations must be administered under veterinary supervision. We do not accept homeopathic nosodes as vaccinations. If your pet is not vaccinated, you accept that any **illness** that your pet is normally protected against by such vaccinations/boosters will not be covered by this insurance **policy**.
- You must look after your pet and maintain your pet's health to avoid any **illness** or **injury** and death. In addition you must arrange and pay for your pet to have a yearly health check, which will include a dental examination and vaccinations.
- You must also arrange for any treatment recommended by **your vet** to be completed immediately to prevent or reduce the risk of illness or injury. If you do not look after **your pet we** may at **our** option cancel the **policy** or refuse to deal with your claim or reduce the amount of any claim payment.
- Under The Control of Dogs Order 1992, any dog in a public

place must wear a collar with the name and address of the owner enarayed or written on it, or enarayed on a tag. Your telephone number is optional but advisable.

## **General Exclusions**

We will not pay for claims arising directly or indirectly from: • Any pet not named in the schedule.

- Any pet less than 8 weeks or more than 8 years of age for dogs; or less than 8 weeks or more than 10 years of age for cats, at the start date of your policy. (Not applicable for renewed policies).
- Any Incident outside the territorial limits of the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man, Channel Islands and the Member Countries of the PETS Travel Scheme (non EU listed countries as defined by DEFRA are excluded).
- · War, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, terrorism, insurrection or military or usurped power.
- Ionizing radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel.
- The radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any nuclear assembly or nuclear component of such assembly.
- Intentional slaughter, by order from any Government, Local Authority or any person having jurisdiction in the matter, except in the case of humane destruction to alleviate incurable and inhumane suffering.
- Any dog registered under The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 and The Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland) order 1991 or Danaerous Doas (amendment) Act 1997 or any subsequent amendments or a dog crossed with any of these. In addition any dog that is an American Pit Bull Terrier; Perro de Presa Canario; wolf or wolf hybrid; or a dog crossed with any of these.
- Any **pet** which has aggressive tendencies or has been trained to attack or begins to have these tendencies during the policy period of insurance.
- Malicious or wilful injury or gross negligence to the insured pet caused by you, your agents, employees or members of **vour** family.
- Medication not being recommended by a vet.
- Post mortem examination.
- Any pre-existing illness or injury; illness within the first 14 days or injury within the first 48 hours. (Not applicable for renewed policies).
- The use of your pet for commercial security purposes, or for any form of racing, coursing or commercial breeding.
- Infringement of United Kingdom animal health and importation legislation.

## **Claims Conditions**

#### General

Failure to comply with the claims conditions below may result in **us** being unable to assist with **your** claim. • In the event of a possible claim under any section of



this insurance you must notify us as soon as possible and not later than 60 days after any incident that would possibly give rise to a claim. The Claims Help Line details are as shown on your policy schedule (Please note that telephone calls may be monitored or recorded to assist with staff training and for auglity control purpose).

- No claims will be agreed on the telephone. A Claim Form must be fully completed and supported by all relevant and original documents and sent to **us** for consideration. Incomplete claims may be returned to **vou**.
- Following a claim we shall be entitled to take over and exercise any rights in **your** name against any other party for our own benefit and at our own expense to recover any payment we have made under this policy.
- If any liability under this **policy** is also covered by another insurance **policy**, we will not pay more than **our** share of the cost of the claim's rateable proportion. At the time of your claim you must inform us of the name of the other insurance company and provide the **policy** number.
- If a claim is paid in error **you** garee to return any monies paid to **vou** back to **us**.
- All claims documentation must be in English and any translation costs must be paid by **you**.

#### **Claims for Veterinary Fees**

- We will not accept any claims for treatment that has not been prescribed and accompanied with a Claim Form signed by **your vet**. **Your vet** must complete a Claim Form for all medicines prescribed including any imported medicines.
- If you are claiming for a medicine that you have purchased on the Internet, a Claim Form must be completed and the receipt and a copy of your vet's prescription must be sent to us.
- By accepting the **policy** terms you are giving us permission to obtain information relevant to your claim from **your vet**; any previous **vet**; specialist or third party that we request. If you are charged for this you will be responsible for covering the cost.
- You are responsible for ensuring vets/specialists are paid within their required time frame. If an additional charge is added to your bill for late payment (or a credit charge is added to **your** bill) we will not pay this charge.
- If you are a vet you may treat your own pet but another vet must countersian the Claim Form confirming the treatment has been provided. The same applies if you are a veterinary nurse or an employee of a veterinary practice; you cannot complete your own Claim Form.
- If you are not happy with the **treatment you** are getting from your vet and wish to go to another vet for a second opinion you must tell us before you arrange the appointment. We will only agree to a second opinion if we believe that it is in your pet's interest to do so based on medical arounds.
- If you belong to any form of pet health scheme with your vet that includes a discount or get any other form of discount this must be shown on the invoice and the discount passed onto us.
- In the event of any disagreement between **your vet** and us, an independent vet mutually agreed upon by both sides will be appointed and act as arbiter and whose

decision will be binding on both sides.

 If the fees vou are charaed are higher than fees usually charged by a general or referral veterinary practice, we reserve the right to request a second opinion from a vet that we choose. If that vet chooses not to agree with the fees charged we may decline your claim or pay only the fees charged by a **vet** in a similar area.

### Your Cover

### **Section 1: Veterinary Fees**

#### What is covered?

Cover is provided for up to the limit shown on **your policy** schedule.

For Max Benefit policies, vet fee cover is provided up to the limit on your policy schedule, per each specifically identifiable illness or injury subject to the renewal of the policy at each anniversary and premiums paid on time. Treatment in respect of any specifically identifiable illness or injury can continue until the original veterinary fees limit has been reached. Once the veterinary fees limit has been reached, the illness or iniury will become excluded from cover.

For Lifetime policies vet fee cover is provided per period of insurance for treatment of all iniuries and illnesses up to the limit detailed in **your policy schedule**. Subject to the renewal of the **policy** and premiums paid on time, cover will reinstate at renewal and ongoing conditions will continue to be covered up to the limit detailed in your policy schedule for treatment of all injuries and illnesses for the subsequent period of insurance.

Cover under this section includes the following, which form part of the overall limit per each specifically identifiable illness or injury for veterinary fees and are subject to the same fixed excess and percentage excess (if applicable):

- Fees for complementary medicine, which the vet recommends up to the limit shown on your policy schedule. This includes cover for up to 10 sessions per illness or injury for hydrotherapy. This also includes the cost of pheromone products for a maximum of six months from the start of the recommended treatment of a behavioural problem.
- Treatment for cruciate ligament disorders up to the limit on your policy schedule. Please refer to your policy definitions for the definition of **bilateral disorders**.
- Dental treatment as a direct result of an accident up to the limit as shown on your policy schedule.
- CT/MRI scans and associated costs up to the limit as shown on **your policy schedule**.
- Prescription diet food required to dissolve urinary crystals is covered up to the limits shown on your policy schedule.
- The cost of euthanasia in the case of humane destruction to alleviate incurable and inhumane suffering up to the limit shown on your policy schedule.

- The fixed excess as shown on your policy schedule.
- The percentage excess (if applicable) as shown on your policy schedule.
- The fixed excess and percentage excess are applied to each specifically identifiable **illness** or **injury** claimed for.
- Any pre-existing illness or injury, illness within the first 14 days or **injury** within the first 48 hours. (This exclusion is not applicable for renewed policies).
- Costs that exceed the limits shown on your policy schedule.
- Any treatment costs incurred after the policy has expired.
- Any costs arising from preventative and elective treatments including any complications or secondary procedures arising from but not limited to the following:
- Routine examinations, vaccinations;
- Spaying, spaying to prevent the recurrence of false pregnancy and mammary tumours, castration, castration for the removal of retained testes:
- Claw clipping, de-matting and grooming, dew claw removal;
- Routine anal gland expression, ear plucking;
- Killing and controlling flegs and worms:
- Routine blood and urine tests (including those performed routinely prior to general anaesthesia or sedation):
- Breeding, pregnancy or giving birth.
- Dental treatment except as a result of an accident.
- Fees for complementary medicine not listed, including but not limited to the following:
- Matrix energy field therapy;
- Pulsed magnetic field therapy;
- Shock wave therapy;
- Myotherapy (including Galen therapy);
- The Bowen technique;
- Reiki massage;
- Faith healing.
- Any complementary medicine not carried out by either a vet, a member of a veterinary practice or a registered gualified person affiliated with one of the complementary medicine organisations as shown in the policy definitions.
- The cost of behavioural therapy unless the behavioural problem is caused as a direct result of an insured condition occurring during the period of insurance.
- The cost of training classes, and normal puppy training and socialisation.
- The cost of your pet's daily feeding requirements, or any claim for prescription diet food unless your vet has specifically prescribed a **prescription diet** food to dissolve urinary crystals.
- Any extra costs for your vet treating your pet outside of normal working hours unless **your vet** confirms in writing that the emergency consultation was essential to your pet's health, regardless of your personal circumstances. • The cost of non-essential hospitalisation.
- House calls, regardless of your personal circumstances, unless your vet confirms in writing that moving your pet would endanger its life.
- Ambulance/taxi fees unless your pet is on a nasal/IV drip and is being transferred between a referral practice/

emergency vet and your normal vet, and we will only pay for a maximum of one journey.

- Claims arising from illnesses or complications arising from illnesses that would not have occurred had your pet been vaccinated.
- Organ transplant and prosthetic limbs.
- · Any charges in respect of euthanasia except in the case of humane destruction to alleviate incurable and inhumane suffering.
- Any charges for the disposal, cremation or burial of your pet.
- The cost of hiring or buying machinery or equipment, including but not limited to: cages; carts; Elizabethan collars, Buster collars, inflatable collars; surgical T-shirts; slings: harnesses, and sharps containers.
- Surgical items that can be used more than once.
- Any cost for a vet to complete a claim form; postage and packaging; courier fees or other administration work. The cost of blood bank donations.
- The cost of **vour vet's** travel expenses.
- A claim for the cost of any form of housing, or bedding needed for the treatment or general well-being of your
- Any claim as a result of a 'notifiable' disease, e.g. Rabies, Avian influenza

- Upon commencement of treatment you should contact us on the Claims Help Line as shown on your policy schedule and report the possible claim not later than 60 days after any incident.
- You will then be sent a Claim Form for completion by you and your vet. Once treatment has been completed the Claim Form should be returned along with all supporting documents as requested on the Claim Form. If your pet requires on-going treatment, continuation claims can be submitted at regular intervals; please ask us for a 'Continuation Claim Form'.
- For convenience, your settlement can be made directly to the vet (with their agreement) after deduction of the fixed excess and percentage excess (if applicable).
- We have the right to request further information either directly from your vet, from your previous vet(s) or from you to confirm the validity of the claim at your expense.
- Please refer to the claims conditions on page 7.

#### Section 2: Death from Illness or Injury (Cover applies to UK only)

In the event your pet dies from illness, injury or due to humane destruction, we will pay the purchase price you paid up to the limit as shown on your policy schedule. If you cannot locate **your** purchase receipt or obtain a copy, we will pay the **market value** at the time of **your pets** purchase up to the limit as shown on your policy schedule.

#### What is not covered?

• Any amount if the death of your pet results from a preexisting accident, illness or injury, illness within the first 14 days or **injury** within the first 48 hours. (This exclusion is not applicable to renewed policies).





- Any amount if the death of your pet results from illness or **injury** where **your pet** has reached 8 years of age and above in the case of dogs, and 10 years of age and above in the case of cats.
- Any amount if your pet was put to sleep (euthanasia) as a result of breeding, pregnancy, giving birth or aggression.
- Any amount if your pet was put to sleep (euthanasia) except in the case of humane destruction to alleviate incurable and inhumane suffering.

- You must notify us as soon as possible and not later than 60 days after your pet's death. The Claims Help Line details are as shown on your policy schedule.
- You must obtain a death certificate from your yet at your own expense stating the date and cause of death.
- You must provide the purchase receipt from when you bought your pet and if your pet is a pediaree, the original pedigree certificate.
- In the event that **your pet** is put to sleep (euthanasia) **you** must obtain a **veterinary** certificate stating that this was necessary for humane reasons to terminate incurable suffering.
- Please refer to the claims conditions on page 7.

## Section 3: Third Party Liability Cover

(Cover applies to dogs only)

#### What is covered?

We will pay up to the limit as shown on your policy schedule if you become legally liable to pay a compensation for accidental bodily injury (fatal or non-fatal) or accidental damage to property not owned by you or in the custody or control of you caused by your dog whilst in the UK (as defined on page 6). We will pay up to limit shown on your **policy schedule**, which includes costs and expenses agreed by **us** in writing for any one claim or series of claims arising from anyone event or source or original cause.

The **Third Party Excess**, which is per incident and detailed in your policy schedule. The excess applies to Incidents that occur within the **UK** and excludes any incident outside of the UK.

- Any claims arising prior to or within the first 14 days of the start date of **policy** (This exclusion is not applicable to renewed policies).
- Any agreement which imposes a liability on **you** which **vou** would not be under in the absence of such an agreement.
- Deliberate acts by you or members of your immediate family.
- Loss or damage to property in the ownership, custody or control of you or members of your immediate family or household or any person employed by members of your household.
- Accidental bodily injury to or disease contracted by you or a member of your immediate family or persons permanently residing with **you**.

an incident which occurs whilst your pet is at your place of business or employment.

- Any compensation, costs or expenses which arise from an incident which occurs when your pet is in the care of a business or person you are paying, such as a groomer, dog walker or **pet** minder.
- Accidental bodily injury or disease contracted by any person who is under a contract of service or apprenticeship with you when such injury or disease arises out of and in the course of employment by **you**.
- Any compensation, costs or expenses if you are insured under any other Liability policy including your household insurance unless that cover has been exhausted. At the time of your claim you must inform us of the name of the other insurance company and provide the policy number.
- Any claim arising from loss or destruction of, or damage to, any property, or death of or bodily injury to any person, directly or indirectly caused by pollution or contamination, unless the pollution or contamination is directly caused by a sudden, identifiable, unintended and unexpected incident, which occurs in its entirety at a specific time and place during the **period of insurance**. All pollution or contamination which arises out of one incident shall be deemed to have occurred at the time such incident takes place.
- Any claim resulting from an incident outside the UK.

#### How to claim:

- You should immediately contact the Claims Helpline as shown on your policy schedule and advise us of any possible claim. You will then be given instructions on what to do with any letter, claim, writ or summons.
- You shall not admit or accept liability, negotiate or make any payment or promise of payment without our written consent.
- You are required to provide us with all the information that we may reasonably require.
- We will have the sole conduct and control of any claim and legal proceeding relating thereto including the right to prosecute in the name of the insured but for our benefit for any claim, damages or liability.

#### Section 4: Loss Due to Straying or Theft (Cover applies in the UK only)

If your pet is lost or stolen you must make contact immediately with your local vet and rescue centres asking if **your pet** has been found and also make contact with the local authority i.e. the council dog warden or police.

#### What is covered?

The purchase price of your pet up to the limit detailed in your policy schedule, in respect of permanent loss due to your pet being lost or stolen and if no recovery has been made after 45 days, despite advertising and offering a reward. If you cannot locate your purchase receipt or obtain a copy, we will pay the market value at the time of your pets purchase up to the limit as shown on your policy schedule.

• Any compensation, costs or expenses which arise from If this benefit is paid your policy will be terminated. If your pet

is subsequently recovered, **you** will be required to reimburse the amount previously paid out to **vou** by **us**.

#### What is not covered?

- Any amount if your pet is lost or stolen within 14 days after the start of **your policy**.
- Any amount if your pet is stolen and you do not report the theft to the Police within 24 hours.
- Any amount if you do not report your loss to the local **vets** and authorities, rescue centres and animal welfare oraanisations.
- Any amount if **you** do not advertise **your** loss.
- Any amount **you** may agree to pay in ransom to recover your pet.

#### How to claim:

- You must notify us of your loss as soon as possible on the Claims Help Line as shown on your policy schedule.
- If there is no recovery of your pet after 45 days, you will then need to complete a Missing Pet Claim Form.
- If your pet has been stolen you must provide us with the reference number the Police have provided **you** with.
- You need to submit the following:
- Your pet's vaccination certificate;
- If your pet is a pedigree, the original pedigree certificate.
- The purchase receipt from when **you** bought **your pet**; - Copies of any adverts and posters used to advertise your loss;
- The fully completed Claim Form.
- Please refer to the claims conditions on page 7.

### Section 5: Advertising and Reward

(Cover applies in the UK only)

#### What is covered?

If your pet is lost or stolen, we will reimburse you for advertising costs and for a suitable reward to be offered for recovery of **your pet** up to the limit shown in **your policy** schedule. The reward reimbursement forms part of the overall limit.

#### What is not covered?

- Any amount for advertising and reward if your pet is lost or stolen within 14 days after the start of **your policy**.
- Any amount for advertising and reward if your pet is stolen and **you** do not report the theft to the Police within 24 hours.
- Any amount if you do not report your loss to the local **vets** and authorities, rescue centres and animal welfare oraanisations.
- More than £75 towards the costs of making your own posters and advertising materials.
- A reward if **vou** do not have the name and address of the person finding your pet.
- A reward paid to someone who lives or works with you, is employed by you or is a member of your immediate family.

#### How to claim:

• You must notify us as soon as possible on the Claims We will reimburse you for any non-recoverable cancellation

Help Line number as shown on **your policy schedule**.

- You will then need to complete a Missing Pet Claim Form and submit **your** receipts for the cost of any adverts and posters used to advertise your loss together with copies of these.
- If **your pet** has been stolen **you** must provide **us** with the reference number the Police have provided you with.
- In the case of a reward you must not pay the finder yourself. Please provide us with the details of the finder and **we** will arrange for payment to be made direct. • Please refer to the claims conditions on page 7.

### Section 6: Boarding Kennel/Cattery/Daily Minding

(Cover applies in the UK only)

#### What is covered?

We will reimburse you for boarding kennel or cattery fees up to the limit as shown in **your policy schedule**. This applies in any one **period of insurance**, in the event that **you** or a member of your immediate family permanently residing with you, is hospitalised on medical advice for a period exceeding four consecutive days, or your home is uninhabitable.

You can choose to leave your pet with someone who is not your immediate family and we will pay £5 per day towards the costs of its care.

#### What is not covered?

- Any amount within the first 14 days after the start of your policy.
- Fees incurred if you or any member of your immediate family are hospitalised as a result of pregnancy.
- Fees incurred if you or any member of your immediate family require convalescence, rehabilitation outside of a hospital or time in a nursing home.
- Fees incurred if at the time of the start of your policy, you were aware of any medical condition likely to give rise to the hospitalisation of you or any member of your immediate family.
- The cost of any fees if you cannot provide acceptable proof that your home was uninhabitable.

#### How to claim:

- You must notify us as soon as possible on the Claims Help Line as shown on **your policy schedule**.
- You should obtain at your own expense receipted bills from the boarding kennel or cattery or from the person responsible for looking after the insured **pet**, detailing dates and expenses incurred.
- You must also obtain at your own expense confirmation of the period you or your family members were in hospital and any additional information requested by us.
- Please include a covering letter with **your** claim explaining the circumstances.
- Please refer to the Claims conditions on page 7.

### Section 7: Holiday Cancellation Costs

#### What is covered?



costs up to the limit on **your policy schedule**, in any one **period** of insurance, in the event that, in **your vet's** opinion **your pet** requires emergency life-saving surgery whilst **you** are away on holiday or within 7 days of **your** departure and this necessitates curtailment or cancellation of **your** holiday.

#### What is not covered?

- Non life-saving operations.
- Any pre-existing illnesses or injuries.
- Holiday cancellation or curtailment costs incurred as a result of your pet suffering an illness within the first 14 days or an injury in the first 48 hours of the start of your policy.
- Any costs or expenditure for any holiday booked less than 28 days prior to departure.
- Any amount **you** can claim back elsewhere such as **your** travel insurance.

#### How to Claim:

- You must notify us as soon as possible on the Claims Help Line as shown on your policy schedule.
- You should obtain at your own expense the booking invoice and cancellation invoice from your travel agent or tour operator. This should detail the total irrevocable charges made and the date of cancellation.
- Please include a covering letter with a short explanation of why it was necessary to cancel or curtail **your** holiday.
- Please refer to the claims conditions on page 7.

#### Section 8: Overseas Travel

(All benefits under this section of cover are subject to full compliance with the **PETS Travel Scheme**)

#### What is covered?

We will cover your pet in the event that your pet requires veterinary treatment whilst temporarily located in a Member Country of the PETS Travel Scheme (Excluding non EU listed countries as defined by DEFRA). Cover under this section is for any period of time up to 30 days per trip and up to the limit as shown on your policy schedule.

#### What is not covered?

- The Sterling equivalent of the **fixed excess**, as shown on **your policy schedule**;
- The Sterling equivalent of the percentage excess (if applicable) as shown on your policy schedule.
- The fixed excess and percentage excess are applied to each specifically identifiable illness or injury claimed for.
- Please refer to the 'What is not covered?' under Veterinary Fees on page 9.
- Any cost if your pet stayed overseas longer than 30 days and if you have the Lifetime Cover, any cost if your pet stayed overseas longer than 30 days per trip.

#### How to claim:

- In the event that your pet requires veterinary treatment whilst temporarily located in a Member Country of the PETS Travel Scheme (Excluding non EU listed countries as defined by DEFRA), payment of any treatment will be made by you to the vet whilst you are there.
- Upon your return home you should contact us immediately and report the claim to the Claims Help Line as shown on

your policy schedule. You will then be sent a claim form for completion and return with all the paid veterinary receipts.
Settlement will then be made to you, after the deduction of the excess(es), in Sterling at the current rate of exchange.
Please refer to the claims conditions on page 7.

### Section 9: Quarantine Costs

### What is covered?

We will pay up to the **policy** limit in **your policy schedule**, per trip for:

- Quarantine kennelling costs and costs incurred in obtaining a replacement health certificate for **your pet** should a microchip of ISO Standard 11784 or Annex A to ISO Standard 11785 fail.
- Quarantine kennelling costs should be compliant with the relevant regulations, your pet be placed in quarantine due to illness.
- Quarantine kennelling costs incurred as a direct result of the loss of your pet's PETS Passport.

#### What is not covered?

- Any costs incurred where it was established that the microchip was not functioning prior to departure.
- Any costs incurred where it can be established that **your pet** was suffering from an **illness** prior to departure.
- Any cost if **your pet** stayed overseas longer than 30 days.

#### How to claim:

- Upon your return home you should contact us immediately and report the claim on the Claims Help Line as shown on your policy schedule.
- Please send us the receipts from the quarantine kennels and a covering letter explaining what you are claiming for.
- If you are claiming because your pet's microchip has failed, please provide documentary evidence that your pet was micro-chipped prior to your journey with a microchip of ISO Standard 11784 or Annex A to ISO Standard 11785 and that the microchip was functioning prior to departure.
- Please refer to the claims conditions on page 7.

### Section 10: Loss of PET Passport

#### What is covered?

We will pay up to the limit as shown on **your policy schedule**, per trip for the cost of a replacement Pet Passport should the original become lost durina **your** trip.

#### What is not covered?

- Any claims where the loss of the Pet Passport was not reported to the issuing vet within 24 hours of discovery.
- Any claims where the loss of the Pet Passport was established prior to departure.
- Any cost if your pet stayed overseas longer than 30 days and if you have the Lifetime Cover, any cost if your pet stayed overseas longer than 30 days per trip.

#### How to Claim:

 Upon your return home you should contact us immediately and report the claim on the Claims Help Line as shown on your policy schedule. Please send us the booking invoice or another official document showing the dates of **your** journey, the invoices and receipts to show the cost involved and the police or operator's report, if applicable.

- Please also send us a covering letter explaining what you are claiming for, the name and address of the issuing vet and, if applicable, the receipts from the quarantine kennels.
- Please refer to the claims conditions on page 7.

### Section 11: Emergency Expenses Cover Abroad

#### What is covered?

We will pay up to the limit detailed in **your policy schedule**, in total per trip in reimbursement for emergency expenses incurred by **you**. Cover is provided for:

- Additional accommodation and repatriation fees incurred by you should your pet require emergency veterinary treatment, which results in you missing your return journey.
- Reimbursement of reasonable accommodation and transportation costs incurred by you following your pet becoming lost during a journey, whilst you endeavour to find your pet prior to your return due date to the UK.
- Reimbursement of reasonable additional accommodation and transportation costs incurred by you for up to four days, should your pet become lost or strays prior to your return journey to the UK resulting in you remaining abroad whilst endeavouring to locate your pet.

#### What is not covered?

- Any cost if your pet stayed overseas longer than 30 days and if you have the Lifetime Cover, any cost if your pet stayed overseas longer than 30 days per trip.
- Any cost if you have not notified the Police or relevant transport operator within 24 hours of the incident and obtained, at your own expense, a written report.

#### How to claim:

- Upon **your** return home **you** should contact **us** immediately and report the claim on the Claims Help Line as shown on **your policy schedule**.
- All claims under this section of the **policy** must be supported by all relevant receipts and evidence of expenditure.
- Please send **us** the booking invoice or another official document showing the dates of **your** journey, the invoices and receipts to show the cost involved and the police or operator's report, if applicable.
- Please also send **us** a covering letter explaining what **you** are claiming for.
- Please refer to the claims conditions on page 7.

### Section 12: Accidental Damage

#### What is covered?

We will pay up to the limit shown on your policy schedule, if your pet causes accidental damage to a third parties' personal property whilst visiting their property. You do not have to be legally liable for the damage to make a claim

### under this benefit.

#### What is not covered?

- The fixed excess as shown in your policy schedule.
- Damage to property in the ownership, custody or control of you, members of your immediate family or household, guests or any person employed by yourself or members of your household.
- Damage to any property belonging to any person entrusted with the care, control and custody of your pet.
- Damage caused by your pet vomiting, urinating or fouling.
- Damage to any motor vehicle or its contents.
- Any damage occurring when your pet is left unattended or where no person aged 18 or over is present.

#### How to claim:

- You must notify us as soon as possible on the Claims Helpline number as shown in your policy schedule.
- You will then need to complete an Accidental Damage Claim Form and submit proof of the damage as well as independent proof of the value of any property claimed for at your cost.
- The damaged item must not be disposed of without **our** written consent.
- A deduction will be made for any items purchased more than 12 months before the damage occurred for wear and tear.
- Please refer to the claims conditions on page 7.

### Cancellation

#### Statutory Cancellation Rights

You may cancel this **policy** within 14 days from the start of this **policy** (New **policy**) or from the renewal date by emailing or calling **us**, please refer to **your policy schedule** for details, during the **cancellation period**.

#### Cancellation by You

You may cancel this **policy** at any time by emailing or calling us with the details shown on **your policy schedule** during the **period of insurance you** have been on cover.

- c) If you had no claims and paid your premium in full we will retain an amount of premium in monthly proportion to the time you have been on cover and return the balance to you.
- d)If you had no claims and you are paying your premium monthly we will not take any further monthly payments and your cover will end after the last day covered by your previous payment.

### FOR EXAMPLE:

- Your premium is collected on 1<sup>st</sup> January.
- You send a cancellation request on 20th January.
- Your cover would continue until the 30<sup>th</sup> January, when your cover would end and no further premiums would be taken.

If another premium is taken e.g. you notify us of intent to cancel in the **period of insurance** but we cannot stop a





further Direct Debit being taken, we will refund this premium. e)However if you have incurred eligible claims (except any eligible claims where your pet has died or is lost or stolen) we will not be able to return your premium if you have paid in full, or you will either have to continue with the instalment payments until the policy renewal date or we may, at our discretion, deduct the outstanding instalments due from any claim payment made.

#### Cancellation by Us

We reserve the right to cancel this **policy** immediately on 7 days written notice if there are serious grounds to do so: a)In the event of non-payment of the premium or default if

- you are paying monthly. Cover will end from the start of your policy if no payment was made or your cover will end after the last day covered by your previous payment. (Please refer to the example above).
- b)If you have been neglectful or failed to provide care for your pet.
- c) If you have been fraudulent or dishonest at any time or you have used threatening or abusive language to our staff.

## **Territorial Limits**

Your pet is covered whilst in the UK (as defined on page 6). In accordance with the European Economic Community regulations this insurance also extends to cover your pet under the PETS Travel Scheme whilst temporarily located in any member country of the PETS Travel Scheme (Excluding non EU listed countries as defined by DEFRA), but only for a maximum stay of the period mentioned in your policy schedule.

### Fraud

You must not act in a fraudulent manner. If you or anyone acting for you make a claim under the **policy** knowing the claim to be false or fraudulently exaggerated in any respect or make a statement in support of a claim knowing the statement to be false in any respect or submit a document in support of a claim knowing the document to be forged or false in any respect or make a claim in respect of any loss or damage caused by your wilful act or with your involvement. Then:

- We shall not pay the claim.
- We shall not pay any other claim, which has been or will be made under the **policy**.
- We may at our discretion declare the policy void.
- We shall be entitled to recover from you the amount of any claim already paid under the **policy** since the last renewal date.
- We shall not make any return of the premium.
- We have the right to inform the police and other appropriate authorities or share this information with the Insurance Fraud Investigators Group (IFIG) or other Fraud authorities.

In order to prevent fraud, **we** may share **your** information with

credit reference agencies and other insurance companies either directly or through anti-fraud databases which they may have access to.

### Law Applicable

English law applies to this insurance contract.

### Complaints Procedure

We are committed to giving you a first class service at all times and will make every effort to meet the high standards we have set. If you feel we have not attained the standard of service you would expect or you are dissatisfied in any other way, then this is the procedure that you should follow:

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You should contact us at Insure Your Paws by emailing complaints@blueinsurance.co.uk, by calling us on 0377 273 2777 or in writing to: Insure Your Paws, 25 Neptune Court, Vanguard Way, Cardiff, CF24 5PJ.

If **your** complaint is about a claim please contact Sterling Pet Solutions by calling 0330 134 8112 or writing to: 50 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JX.

If **your** complaint is about a third party liability claim please call Davies Managed Systems (DMS) on 0344 856 3808 or by writing to: P.O Box 2801, Telecom House, Trinity Street, Stoke on Trent, ST1 5ND.

We will confirm receipt of **your** complaint by telephone or email by the next working day, and do **our** best to resolve the problem within 3 working days from the date **we** receive **your** complaint.

If we are unable to resolve your complaint within 3 working days, we will send you a communication, either verbally, by email or in the post (depending on the method of communication you prefer) explaining why we have been unable to resolve your complaint, and the steps we intend to take to resolve the issue as rapidly as possible.

We aim to conclude **our** enquiries and provide a Final Response Letter to **you** within 8 weeks from the date **your** complaint was received. We will keep you regularly informed of **our** progress towards resolving **your** complaint, and may need to contact **you** during this time to request or verify information relating to **your** complaint.

#### Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS)

If the differences between **us** remain unresolved, or **you** have not received a Final Response Letter from **us** within 8 weeks from the date **your** complaint was received, **you** may refer **your** complaint to the FOS. **You** can ask the FOS to review **your** complaint if for any reason **you** are still dissatisfied with **our** Final Response, or if a Final Response Letter has not been issued within 8 weeks from the date of **your** complaint. Details for contacting the FOS are:

The Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9SR Tel: 0800 023 4567 from a landline or 0300 123 9123 from a mobile Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

If **you** purchased **your** policy online, **you** can submit a complaint through the EC On-line Dispute Resolution (ODR) platform at http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr/ who will notify the Financial Ombudsman Service on **your** behalf.

Please note that **you** have six months from the date **you** receive **our** Final Response Letter in which to refer **your** complaint to the FOS. The FOS is an independent body that arbitrates on complaints about general insurance products.

The FOS will only consider complaints after **we** have issued a Final Response, or if a Final Response Letter has not been issued to **you** within 8 weeks from the date of **your** complaint. Following this procedure will not affect **your** legal rights.

Please quote your policy number in any communication.

#### Financial Ombudsman Service UK - Eligible Complainant You can use the FOS as a recourse in the event of dissatisfaction if you are:

- A private individual acting outside your trade, business or profession
- "Micro-enterprises", i.e. smaller business that have a turnover or annual balance sheet of not more than EUR 2m and fewer than 10 people employed
- A charity with less than GBP 1m annual income
- A trustee of a trust with net asset value of less than GBP 1m

### **Insure Your Paws Vet Helpline**

The Insure Your Paws Vet Helpline, gives policyholders access to our national network of RCVS (Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons) registered veterinary nurses, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Our nurses are available, any time to answer any concerns you may have regarding **your pet's** health or general wellbeing.

We can help offer peace of mind and help with what to do next when your pet is unwell. Although our service is not intended to replace a consultation with your vet, by calling us first, we may be able to help prevent an unnecessary trip to the vet, which can be time consuming and traumatic for your pet.

Tel: 0333 332 7926

### How to Contact Us

Customer service and renewals: Tel: 0344 273 2777

Claims: Tel: 0330 134 8115

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