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Policy Wording
This is Your Policy Document

This document tells you what you can and cannot claim for under **Your** policy. This document, together with **Your** application for cover and **Schedule**, forms the policy and should be read as one document. The **Schedule** shows information about **You, Your Pet**, the period of cover and the premium. Words that appear in italics have a special meaning, which are defined under the “what words mean” section of this document. **We** have included all the various cover levels **We** offer within this one policy document. **You** only need to read the parts relevant to the cover **You** have selected. Please look at **Your Schedule** to confirm what level of cover **You** have selected. If **You** are unsure, please contact Insurance Factory Limited.

As long as **You** keep to the conditions of this policy, **We** agree to provide **You** with the cover. In the event of payment default **You** have 7 days from the date of default to contact **Us** to arrange payment. If payment is not received **Your** policy will be cancelled from the default date and **You** will not be entitled to any

of the benefits provided by **Your** policy after this date. If a claim has been made, the remaining premium for the policy year will become due. Please refer to Section 15 'Cancellation Rights'.

This policy provides cover for the cost of **Veterinary Fees** if **Your Pet** suffers from a sudden and unexpected **Injury** or **Illness** together with other benefits depending on the level of cover **You** have selected. Please note that if **You** have purchased an **Accident** Only policy **Your Pet** is not insured for any **Illness**. **You** are entitled to use the services of any registered veterinary practitioner in the UK, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. **Veterinary Fees** are defined in Sections 1 & 2 of this document and are subject to stated limits, **Excesses** and other exclusions.

Consumer Insurance

(Disclosure and Representations) Act 2012

In entering into this contract **You** are under a duty to take all care in answering all questions in relation to this insurance honestly and to the best of **Your** knowledge. This includes anything that appears within **Your Policy Schedule** as well as any information relating to **Your Pet's** medical history.

Your failure to take reasonable care to avoid misrepresentation in relation to the information provided could result in **Your** policy being cancelled or **Your** claim being rejected or not fully paid. If **You** are in any doubt about **Your** duty to take reasonable care not to make a misrepresentation please contact **Our** Customer Services Department on 0330 102 5741. Calls may be monitored or recorded for training and quality purposes.

This policy is a fixed-term contract of insurance not a continuous permanent health policy. It provides cover for **Your Pet** while **You**, or anyone acting with **Your** permission, is looking after it. **We** will only provide cover once Insurance Factory Limited, the administrator of this policy, have accepted a completed application and issued a **Schedule** on **Our** behalf.

It is up to **You** to ensure that the cover **You** have selected is appropriate for **Your** needs. **We** cannot advise **You** on whether this policy meets **Your** personal objectives, financial situation or needs. If **You** have any questions regarding this policy or **You** would like to make changes or additions to this cover, please contact **Insurance Factory** on 0330 102 5741.

You must notify **Us** as soon as possible of any changes which may affect the cover provided and which have occurred since the cover started. If **You** do not inform **Us** of any changes, this policy may become invalid and may be unlikely to provide the cover **You** require.

This policy does not cover every circumstance or expense and **We** have some exclusions that help keep premiums affordable. A list of the exclusions applicable to each section is included after each section, and details of what we will not cover, which apply to all sections of cover can be found in Section 13 of this document.

In return for payment of the correct premium, **We** will provide insurance for the **Pet** named on the **Schedule** for the **Benefit Limits** noted on the **Schedule** as per the policy terms and conditions as set out in this document.

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SECTION 1 – TABLE OF BENEFITS AND WHAT WORDS MEAN

Cover Levels	Accident Only	Bronze	Silver	Silver Plus	Gold	Gold Plus
Veterinary Fees	£2,000	£1,000	£3,000	£3,000	£5,000	£5,000
Excess	£100	£100	£100	£100	£100	£100
Co-payment	20% for pets aged 6 years and over	20% for pets aged 6 years and over	20% for pets aged 6 years and over	20% for pets aged 6 years and over	20% for pets aged 6 years and over	20% for pets aged 6 years and over
Cruciate ligament treatment	£500	£500	£3,000	£3,000	£5,000	£5,000
CT & MRI Scans and associated costs	£500	£250	£750	£750	£1,250	£1,250
Complementary Medicine	£250	£200	£300	£300	£500	£500
Special Diet			£100	£100	£100	£100
Dentistry	As a result of an accident only	As a result of an accident only	As a result of an accident only	As a result of an accident only	As a result of an accident only	As a result of an accident only
Third Party Legal Liability (dogs only)	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£1,000,000
Third Party Legal Liability Excess	£250	£250	£250	£250	£250	£250
Death of Pet (only available for pets up to 8 years of age)	Nil	Nil	£250	£250	£1,000	£1,000
Emergency Boarding Kennel/Cattery Fees	Nil	Nil	£250	£250	£750	£750
Holiday Cancellation	Nil	Nil	£250	£250	£2,000	£2,000
Loss by Theft or Straying	Nil	Nil	£250	£250	£750	£750
Advertising and Reward	Nil	Nil	£100	£100	£250	£250
Accidental Damage	Nil	Nil			£500	£500
Overseas Travel	Nil	£1,000 / 30 days / 2 trips	£2,000 / 30 days / 2 trips	£2,000 / 30 days / 2 trips	£2,000 / 30 days / 2 trips	£2,000 / 30 days / 2 trips

In this policy:

- References to the singular include the plural and vice versa, and to the masculine include the feminine and vice versa.
- Monetary references are to UK pounds sterling.
- Certain words and expressions used in this policy have a specific meaning.

The following words will have the meanings described below wherever they appear in this document.

Accident means a single, unexpected event which happens during the **period of insurance** resulting in **injury** or death to **Your pet**

Associated Costs means general anaesthetic/sedation, drugs administered for a **Treatment**, one day's hospitalisation fee and interpretation fees.

Benefit Limits means the total amount payable per claim or per **Condition** per each section of coverage. The maximum **Benefit Limit** that **We** will pay for a single incident suffered by **Your Pet** is the maximum **Benefit Limit** that was current in the **Policy Period** when the **Condition** first manifested, as stated in **Your** policy **Schedule**. If **You** stop making premium payments to **Us** then cover for any ongoing **Conditions** will cease. **Benefit Limits** are reduced in accordance with applicable deductions and not renewed monthly.

Breeding means any pet that has had more than 2 litters in its lifetime.

Clinical Signs means changes in **Your Pet's** normal healthy state, its bodily functions or behaviour.

Complementary Medicine means physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, acupuncture, osteopathy, chiropractic, homeopathic or herbal medicines or laser **Treatment** administered by a suitably qualified practitioner following a recommendation from a qualified **Vet**. Laser Treatment must be to treat a **Condition** and the

treatment must be carried out by a qualified Veterinary Surgeon. The following practitioners are considered to be suitably qualified and members of the following listed associations: Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Animal Therapy/National Association of Veterinary Physiotherapists, The International Association of Animal Therapists, Canine Hydrotherapy Association, The Society Of Osteopaths in Animal Practice (SOAP), International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS), Association of British Veterinary Acupuncturists (ABVA) and the British Veterinary Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine Association (BVRSMMA).

Commencement Date means the date and time when the **Policy Period** first starts as noted in the **Schedule**.

Condition means any **Injury** to **Your** pet or the first sign of an **illness**.

Co-payment means the percentage amount **You** have to pay, as shown in **Your** Schedule, towards the costs of the **Veterinary Fees** in addition to the **Excess**. This amount will be deducted from the claim settlement.

Dental treatment means **Treatment** to the teeth and gums of **Your Pet** which is as a direct result of an **Accident** or **Injury to Your Pet**.

Excess means the amount **you** have to pay as part of certain claims made under the **policy** as shown in **Your Policy Documents** and will be payable each year for each **illness, accident** or **injury**.

Holiday means a pleasure trip outside of the **United Kingdom** which starts from and ends at **Your** address as shown in **Your Policy Documents**.

Illness means any changes in **Your** pet's state of health which are not caused by an **accident**. Please note that **Illness** is not covered on **Accident Only** policies.

Injury means Clinical signs or symptoms of changes in **Your** pet's normal state of health resulting from an accident including multiple **injuries** resulting from one accident.

Insurance Factory means Insurance Factory Limited (FCA No. 306164), working on behalf of AA as the insurance administrators.

Period of Insurance means the period for which **Your** pet is covered as shown on **Your** Policy Schedule. Each renewal is the start of a new period of insurance.

Pet means **Your** dog or cat who lives with you all of the time at the address shown in **Your** policy schedule.

Policy Documents means **Your** policy wording, statement of fact, insurance product information document and **Schedule** which contain important information about **You**, **Your Pet** and **Your** policy. All of these documents should be read as one.

Pre-existing Condition means any **illness** or **injury** or issue directly resulting from another **injury** or **illness**, whether diagnosed or undiagnosed or that has been identified or investigated by a **vet** or is otherwise known to **you** prior to the start of the insurance.

Schedule means the document which shows important information about **You** and **Your** policy which forms part of the **Policy Documents**.

Terrorism means the use of biological, chemical and/or nuclear pollution or contamination and/or threat thereof by any person or group 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 means any consultation, examination, advice, tests, x-rays, slides, ultrasound and MRI, medication, surgery, or nursing care that has taken place and been provided by a veterinary practice or qualified practitioner recommended by a **Vet**.

United Kingdom means England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man.

Vet means a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons actively working as a veterinary surgeon in the **UK** or veterinary surgeon registered and actively working outside the **UK**.

Veterinary Fees means customary, necessary and essential fees typically charged by a **Vet** in the provision of **Treatment**.

We, Our, Us means Insurance Factory Limited acting as administrators for the underwriters of **your policy**. For details of the underwriters of **your policy**, and the underwriters of the Third Party Liability (dogs only) section of **your policy**, please refer to the “About the products we offer” section of **your** Terms of Business Agreement document.

You, Your means the person named as the policyholder on the **Schedule**.

All defined terms appear in bold throughout this document

SECTION 2A - VETERINARY FEES (TREATMENT TO YOUR PET) (ACCIDENT ONLY COVER)

2A.1 Cover

We will pay **you** for charges made for **treatment** to **Your pet**, carried out by either a **vet** or qualified specialist. Some specific types of **treatment** or charges do have limitations, which are detailed below.

For the avoidance of doubt, please note that the **Benefit Limit** for **Complementary Medicine**, CT/MRI Scans and **Associated Costs** and cruciate ligament damage is not a separate limit and is therefore included within the maximum **Benefit Limit** amount as shown in **Your Schedule**.

Upgrade/Downgrade cover – If **You** transfer **Your Pet** to a plan with additional or higher **Benefit Limits**, the additional or higher **Benefit Limits** will not apply if the **Condition** signs or symptoms started before the transfer date.

The following example explains how to calculate co-payment that **you** would pay using a valid Veterinary Fee of £400

Amount Claimed	£400
Less Excess £100	£300
Less Co-payment 20% = £60	£240
Total paid by You	£160
Total paid by Us	£240

2A.2 Level of Veterinary Fees allowed

Every claim will be reviewed by an internal pet claims assessor and compared to charges for the same or similar **Treatment** within the same area to ensure that the **Treatment** and **Veterinary Fees** are necessary, essential and not excessive.

We have the right to deduct any costs over a 100% mark up on the manufacturer's or wholesaler's price of veterinary medicines based on **our** catalogue of prices. This will include any dispensing fees.

2A.3 Cruciate Ligament Damage and CT/MRI Scans and Associated Costs

We will pay up to the **Benefit Limit** as shown in **Your Schedule** for cruciate ligament damage. This is not a separate benefit but is limited under **Veterinary Fees**. **We** will pay up to the **Benefit Limit** as shown in **Your Schedule** for CT and MRI Scans and **Associated Costs**. If **Your** limit for cruciate ligament is used up and **Your Pet** needs a CT/MRI Scan relating to the cruciate this will not be covered.

2A.4 Dental treatment

We will pay up to the **Benefit Limit** as shown in **Your Schedule** for **Dental treatment** as a direct result of an **Accident** and/or **Injury** to **Your Pet**. This is not a separate benefit but limited under **Veterinary Fees**. **We** will not cover any **Illness** related **Dental treatment** or **Illness** resulting from this

2A.5 Exclusions

The following are excluded from this section of cover:

- 2A.5.1 Costs resulting from an **Illness** or any **Accident/Injury** relating to or caused by an **Illness**;
- 2A.5.2 Costs over the specified **Benefit Limit** as shown in **Your Schedule** relating to any **Treatment** for cruciate ligament damage;
- 2A.5.3 Costs resulting from any **injuries** from which **Your** pet previously suffered arising before **Your policy** started, or within the first 24 hours of **Your insurance policy**.

Please note if **Your Pet** first showed any **Clinical Signs**; or was diagnosed with an **Accident** or **Injury** related **Condition** prior to the **Commencement Date**, **We** will apply an exclusion to **Your** policy in respect of this **Accident** or **Injury**.

- 2A.5.4 Costs resulting from or related to any excluded **Condition** as shown in the **Schedule**;
- 2A.5.5 Costs for cosmetic, elective, preventative or routine **Treatment** and any claims as a result of these procedures unless specifically noted on the **Schedule**. This includes vaccinations, and failure to vaccinate.
- 2A.5.6 Any costs for neutering or spaying **Your pet** unless these procedures are part of the **treatment** specifically for pyometra or cryptorchidism. No other **condition** will have neutering or spay costs covered.
- 2A.5.7 Any claim or **treatment** for cryptorchidism (retained testicles) unless **Your pet** was insured with **us** before they were 12 weeks of age.
- 2A.5.8 Any costs for bathing, grooming, or de-matting **Your pet**.
- 2A.5.9 Costs for any **Treatment** relating to or resulting from **breeding Your Pet** and any issues that may occur as a result of these procedures;
- 2A.5.10 Any **dental treatment**, unless required as a direct result of an **Accident** or **Injury to Your Pet**;
- 2A.5.11 Any routine, preventative or cosmetic **dental treatment**;
- 2A.5.12 Any **Treatment** after **Your** policy has ended.
- 2A.5.13 The cost of any **Treatment** for behavioural problems or for any **Conditions** arising as a result of this.
- 2A.5.14 Costs for any **treatment** outside normal veterinary surgery hours, unless **Your vet** can explain how not seeing **Your pet** straight away would have endangered **Your pet's** health. If this **treatment** was not essential, **we** will cover the normal consultation fees only
- 2A.5.15 Costs of **Your Pet** being euthanised except when it is to stop it suffering and **Your Vet** has recommended it; always excluding the costs of **Your Pet** being euthanised for financial reasons, because of behavioural problems, or if this was caused by a **pre-existing condition** or **condition** not covered by the insurance.
- 2A.5.16 Costs of cremation and disposal, including post mortem, burial fees, coffins or caskets;
- 2A.5.17 Costs which are not supported by an original receipt or invoice itemising the **Treatment** costs incurred;
- 2A.5.18 Costs incurred as a result of **Your** failure to carry out **Treatment** or recommendations to adjust **Your Pets** weight in accordance with **Your Vets** advice;

- 2A.5.19 The cost of any diet food;
- 2A.5.20 Any costs associated with routine or investigative laboratory tests or procedures unless the **Clinical Signs/symptoms** exist and the tests and procedures are to diagnose a specific **Condition**;
- 2A.5.21 Extra fees on external laboratory fees. **We** will only pay the external fee plus up to £20 for post, packaging and interpretation;
- 2A.5.22 Any cost of pheromone products, including DAP diffusers and Feliway and/or similar feline facial pheromone products used in either a spray or an electric diffuser format and any general health enhancers;
- 2A.5.23 **Continuation Claims** unless **You** have paid the required premiums to keep **Your** policy in force;
- 2A.5.24 Claim settlements where **You** have failed to pay the relevant premium due to **Us** or **You** cancel **Your** policy. In these circumstances any eligible claim payment will be deducted from any outstanding premium due;
- 2A.5.25 The **Excess** and **Co-Payment** applicable to this section of cover;
- 2A.5.26 Any costs of hiring or buying a cage, basket or bedding needed for the **Treatment** or general well-being of **Your Pet** and any general health enhancers;
- 2A.5.27 Any costs associated with prosthetics (artificial body parts) with the exception of costs related to replacement hip, elbow and/or knee joints.
- 2A.5.28 Costs over the **Benefit Limit** shown in the **Schedule** in any **Policy Period**.

Please note for Pets aged 6 years and over; a 20% Co-payment will apply to each claim payment for Veterinary Fees (including Complementary Medicine, cruciate ligament damage, CT/MRI Scans and Associated Costs and Dental treatment) which is in addition to the deduction of the applicable standard Excess and will also apply to all Continuation Claims.

SECTION 2B – VETERINARY FEES (TREATMENT TO YOUR PET) (BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD, SILVER PLUS, AND GOLD PLUS COVERS)

Upgrade/Downgrade cover – If **You** transfer **Your Pet** to a plan with additional or higher **Benefit Limits**, the additional or higher **Benefit Limits** will not apply if the **Condition** signs or symptoms started before the transfer date. If **You** transfer **Your Pet** to a plan with lower **Benefit Limits**, the higher **Benefit Limits** will no longer apply to any claims **You** are currently making.

2B.1 Bronze, Silver, Gold, Silver Plus, and Gold Plus Covers

We will pay **you** for charges made for **treatment** to **Your pet**, carried out by either a **vet** or qualified specialist. Some specific types of **treatment** or charges do have limitations, which are detailed below.

For the avoidance of doubt, please note that the **Benefit Limit** for **Complementary Medicine**, CT/MRI Scans and **Associated Costs**, cruciate ligament damage and **Dental treatment** is not a separate limit and is therefore included within the maximum **Benefit Limit** amount as shown in **Your Schedule**.

The following example explains how to calculate co-payment that **you** would pay using a valid Veterinary Fee of £400

Amount Claimed	£400
Less Excess £100	£300
Less Co-payment 20% = £60	£240
Total paid by You	£160
Total paid by Us	£240

2B.2 Level of Veterinary Fees allowed

Every claim will be reviewed by an internal pet claims assessor and compared to charges for the same or similar **Treatment** within the same area to ensure that the **Treatment** and **Veterinary Fees** are necessary, essential and not excessive.

We have the right to deduct any costs over a 100% mark up on the manufacturer's or wholesaler's price of veterinary medicines. This will include any dispensing fees.

2B.3 Dental treatment

We will pay up to the **Benefit Limit** as shown in **Your Schedule** for **Dental treatment Treatment** as a direct result of an **Accident** and/or **Injury** to **Your Pet**. This is not a separate benefit but is limited under **Veterinary Fees**. **We** will not cover any **Illness** related **Dental treatment** or **Illness** resulting from **Dental treatment Treatment**.

2B.3 Special Diet (Silver, Gold, Silver Plus & Gold Plus)

We will contribute to the cost of **Your Pet's** prescription food, up to a maximum of £100 per **Condition (and per year for Silver Plus & Gold Plus)**, as long as it is prescribed by **Your Vet** and can only be bought from a veterinary surgery or online pharmacy and it is to dissolve bladder stones or crystals in urine and for no other purpose. **We** will not be liable for any other dietary costs under this policy. The maximum **Benefit Limit** that **We** will pay for special diet is the **Benefit Limit** shown in **Your Schedule** for up to 60 days per **Policy Period**. Please note any special diet payment for bladder stones or crystals in urine will cease once these are dissolved, **We** will not continue to pay as a preventative measure to stop the stones re-occurring.

2B.4 Exclusions

The following are excluded from this section of cover:

- 2B.6.1 Costs caused by an **Accident, Injury** or **Illness** that first showed **Clinical Signs** before the **Commencement Date**;
- 2B.6.2 Costs caused by **Illnesses** or pre-existing conditions which **Your** pet previously suffered from arising before **Your** policy started, or during the first 10 days of **Your** insurance policy
- 2B.6.3 Costs resulting from an **accidents** or **pre-existing conditions** which **Your pet** previously suffered from arising before **Your policy** started, or during the first 24 hours of **Your insurance** policy.
- Please note if Your Pet first showed any Clinical Signs; or was diagnosed with an Accident, Injury or Illness prior to the Commencement Date, We will apply an exclusion to Your policy in respect of this Condition.**
- 2B.6.4 Costs resulting from or related to any excluded **Condition** as shown in the **Schedule**;
- 2B.6.5 Costs for cosmetic, elective, preventative or routine and any claims as a result of these procedures unless specifically noted on the **Schedule**. This includes vaccinations, and failure to vaccinate.
- 2B.6.6 Any costs for neutering or spaying **Your pet** unless these procedures are part of the **treatment** specifically for pyometra or cryptorchidism. No other **condition** will have neutering or spay costs covered.
- 2B.6.7 Any claim or **treatment** for cryptorchidism (retained testicles) unless **Your pet** was insured with **us** before they were 12 weeks of age.
- 2B.6.8 Any costs for bathing, grooming, or de-matting **Your pet**.
- 2B.6.9 Any costs for the **Treatment** of false pregnancy if **Your Pet** has already received **Treatment** for two or more occurrences of false pregnancy;
- 2B.6.10 Costs for any **Treatment** relating to or resulting from **breeding Your Pet** and any issues that may occur as a result of these procedures;
- 2B.6.11 Costs over the specified **Benefit Limit** as shown in **Your Schedule** relating to any **Treatment** for cruciate ligament damage;
- 2B.6.12 Any **dental Treatment** will be excluded, unless required as a direct result of an **Accident** or **Injury** to **Your Pet** and limited to the **Benefit Limit**. Please note any routine, preventative or cosmetic **dental Treatment**; or scaling and polishing teeth will not be covered;
- 2B.6.13 Any **Illness** resulting from **Dental treatment**

- 2B.6.14 Any **Treatment** after **Your** policy has ended.
- 2B.6.15 The cost of any **Treatment** for behavioural problems or for any **Conditions** happening as a result of these;
- 2B.6.16 Costs for any **treatment** outside normal veterinary surgery hours, unless **Your vet** can explain how not seeing **Your pet** straight away would have endangered **Your pets** health. If this **treatment** was not essential, **we** will cover the normal consultation fees only.
- 2B.6.17 Costs of **Your Pet** being euthanised except when it is to stop it suffering and **Your Vet** has recommended it; always excluding the costs of **Your Pet** being euthanised for financial reasons, because of behavioural problems, or if this was caused by a **pre-existing condition** or **condition** not covered by the insurance.
- 2B.6.18 Costs of cremation and disposal, including post mortem, burial fees, coffins or caskets;
- 2B.6.19 Costs where **you** cannot give us an original receipt or invoice itemising the **Treatment** costs **you** had to pay;
- 2B.6.20 Costs **you** had to pay as a result of **Your** failure to carry out **Treatment** or recommendations to adjust **Your Pets** weight in accordance with **Your Vets** advice;
- 2B.6.21 The cost of any diet food, even if prescribed, other than those detailed in section 2B.4;
- 2B.6.22 Any costs associated with routine or investigative laboratory tests or procedures unless the **Clinical Signs/symptoms** exist and the tests and procedures are to diagnose a specific **Condition**;
- 2B.6.23 Extra fees on external laboratory fees. **We** will only pay the external fee plus up to £20 for post, packaging and interpretation;
- 2B.6.24 Any cost of pheromone products, including DAP diffusers and Feliway and/or similar feline facial pheromone products used in either a spray or an electric diffuser format and any general health enhancers;
- 2B.6.25 **Continuation Claims** unless **You** have paid the required premiums to keep **Your** policy in force;
- 2B.6.26 Claim settlements where **You** have failed to pay the relevant premium due to **Us** or **You** cancel **Your** policy. In these circumstances any eligible claim payment will be deducted from any outstanding premium due;
- 2B.6.27 **Continuation Claims** where the maximum **Benefit Limit** has been used up for that **Condition**;
- 2B.6.28 The **Excess** and **Co-Payment** applicable to this section of cover;

- 2B.6.29 Any costs for hiring or buying a cage, basket or bedding needed for the **Treatment** or general well-being of **Your Pet** and any general health enhancers;
- 2B.6.30 Any costs associated with prosthetics (artificial body parts) with the exception of costs related to replacement hip, elbow and/or knee joints.
- 2B.6.31 Costs over the **Benefit Limit** shown in the **Schedule** in any **Policy Period**.

Please note for Pets aged 6 years and over; a 20% Co-payment will apply to each claim payment for Veterinary Fees (including Complementary Medicine, special diet, cruciate ligament damage, CT/MRI Scans and Associated Costs and Dental treatment) which is in addition to the deduction of the applicable standard Excess and will also apply to all Continuation Claims.

SECTION 3 - DEATH OF PET FROM AN ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS (NOT BRONZE OR ACCIDENT ONLY COVER)

3.1 Cover

If **Your Pet** dies because of **accident, illness**, or as a result of **Your vet** putting **Your pet** to sleep to stop it suffering.

We will pay:

- a) Where proof of purchase is available; up to the price paid or the amount shown in the **Schedule** (whichever is the lesser) subject to the deduction shown in the table below according to the **Pet's** age at the date the **Pet** dies or is euthanised , or,
- b) Where proof of purchase is not available; up to £75 for a cat and up to £150 for a dog (fixed amount) subject to the deduction shown in the table below according to the **Pet's** age at the date the **Pet** dies or is euthanised .

Age of Pet at the date the Pet dies, is euthanised, stolen or strays.	Deduction from price paid, fixed amount or amount shown in the Schedule .
Up to 1 year old	Amount minus 0%
Over 1 year and up to 2 years old	Amount minus 10%
Over 2 years and up to 3 years old	Amount minus 20%
Over 3 years and up to 4 years old	Amount minus 30%
Over 4 years and up to 5 years old	Amount minus 45%
Over 5 years and up to 6 years old	Amount minus 60%
Over 6 years and up to 7 years old	Amount minus 75%
Over 7 years and up to 8 years old	Amount minus 90%
Over 8 years old	Amount minus 100%

3.1.1 Age of **Pet** will be determined by the date of birth as shown on **Your** policy **Schedule**;

3.2 Exclusions

The following are excluded from this section of cover:

3.2.1 Any cover under this Section of the policy if **You** have purchased a Bronze or **Accident** Only policy;

3.2.2 Euthanasia due to any act of any legal or legislative authority for any reason whatsoever, including any order made in respect of a 'notifiable' disease;

3.2.3 Euthanasia due to behavioural problems or for financial reasons; or in the event that this was caused by a **pre-existing condition** or **condition** not covered by the insurance.

3.2.4 Death during or after a surgical operation or a general anaesthetic unless a qualified **Vet** certifies that it was necessary because of **Injury** or **Illness**;

- 3.2.5 Death of **Your Pet** if aged 8 years and over at the time of death; unless this was caused by an accident.
- 3.2.6 Any death caused by **breeding**, pregnancy or giving birth;
- 3.2.7 Any claim if the death has been caused by preventative, routine or elective **Treatment/procedure**. See **Veterinary Fees**;
- 3.2.8 Any death caused by an **Illness/Clinical Signs** first noticed before the **Commencement Date** or during the first 10 days of the policy

3.3 Specific Conditions Applicable to Sections 2 and 3

- 3.3.1 If **Your Pet** dies, at **Your** own expense please arrange for **Your Vet** to certify **Your Pets** death.
- 3.3.2 In order to determine the price paid for **Your Pet**, **You** must provide, at **Your** expense, proof of purchase. If proof of purchase is not provided, **We** will pay up to £75 for a cat and £150 for a dog subject to the deductions in the table above as detailed in 3.1 b).

SECTION 4 - EMERGENCY BOARDING KENNEL/CATTERY FEES INCLUDING DAILY MINDING FROM HOME (NOT BRONZE OR ACCIDENT ONLY COVER)

4.1 Cover

If **you** or a family member who permanently lives at **Your** address are hospitalised for more than 4 consecutive days, **we** will pay for **Your pet** to be looked after by a registered kennel/cattery, if there is no one else living with you who can do so.

4.2 Exclusions

The following are excluded from this section of cover:

4.2.1 Any claims by **You** for:

4.2.1.1 Any costs if **you** or **Your** family member goes into hospital for any reason, illness or injury that was known to **you** before **Your policy** first started.

4.2.1.2 Any claim under this section during the first 14 days of the start of **Your policy**.

4.2.1.3 Any costs for dates before **you** or **your** family member went to hospital or dates following **your** or **your** family member's discharge from hospital.

4.2.2 Any claim by **You** for:

4.2.2.1 Costs as a result of any hospital stay that was not on the advice of a doctor, specialist or consultant;

4.2.2.2 Costs as a result of nursing-home care or convalescence care that **You** do not receive in hospital;

4.2.2.3 Any costs if the hospitalisation is the result of pregnancy, giving birth, alcoholism, drug abuse, drug addiction, attempted suicide or self-harm.

4.2.2.4 Any amount if the Boarding Kennels/Cattery/**Pet** minding business are not licensed.

4.2.2.5 Any costs not supported by invoices/receipts from the business who looked after **Your pet**.

4.2.2.6 Any costs if **you** do not provide **us** with documents from the hospital showing when the admission and discharge took place.

SECTION 5 – ADVERTISING AND REWARD COVER (IF YOUR PET IS LOST OR STOLEN) (NOT BRONZE OR ACCIDENT ONLY COVER)

5.1 Cover

If **Your pet** is lost or stolen, **we** will pay **you** back what **you** spent for advertising in a local newspaper, making posters or any other costs for the recovery of **Your pet** (previously agreed by **us**). If **you** need to claim under this section, please call **us** to agree how you plan to use this benefit. **We** will also agree an amount for a reward to be offered for recovery of **Your pet** up to the maximum amount as shown on **Your** chosen **policy**.

The monetary limit shown on **Your** chosen policy is an overall limit for both of these **benefits**, however there is a limit of £50 for the cost of advertising materials (to make posters/flyers etc.).

If **you** wish to use an animal location service, these costs must be agreed by **us** before they start work. **You** must send **us** a full estimate listing what they plan to do and **we** will tell **you** what **we** will cover. Failure to do so may mean **Your** claim is not settled.

5.2 Exclusions

5.2.1 Any costs for repayment of money **you** have spent trying to find **Your pet** if **we** have not agreed to the way **you** are doing this.

5.2.2 Any costs for advertising materials exceeding £50

5.2.3 Any costs if **you** cannot send **us** invoices or receipts to show what **you** have paid for materials/advertising.

5.2.4 Any reward payment to anyone who is a member of **Your** family, or by any person employed by **you**, living with **you**, or otherwise known to **you**.

5.2.5 Any reward payment to the person who was caring for **Your pet** when it was lost or stolen.

5.2.6 Any reward payment to the person or persons who stole, or was involved in, the theft of **Your pet**.

5.2.7 Any reward payment that was not agreed by **us**.

5.2.8 Any reward payment where **you** can't give **us** a signed receipt giving the full name, address, email address and telephone number of the person who found **Your pet**, so **we** can contact them.

SECTION 6 - LOSS BY THEFT OR STRAYING (IF YOUR PET IS LOST OR STOLEN) (NOT BRONZE OR ACCIDENT ONLY COVER)

6.1 Cover

We will pay **you** up to the purchase price or the maximum sum shown on **Your** chosen **policy**, subject to the deduction shown in the table in Section 3 above according to the **pet's** age at the date the **pet** is stolen or strays, in respect of the permanent loss of **Your pet** due to being lost or stolen and after no recovery has been made after 45 days.

You must have claimed under “Section 5 – Advertising and Reward Cover” before **you** are able to use this **benefit**.

You must be able to prove **you** have tried to find **Your pet** by telling local rescue centres and for dogs, **Your** local dog warden. In the case of theft, **you** must tell the Police and get from them a crime reference number.

This benefit can only be paid once per **period of insurance**.

If **you** are unable to provide **us** with formal proof of the amount paid for **Your pet**, **we** will pay up to £75 for a cat and up to £150 for a dog (fixed amount) subject to the deduction shown in the table in Section 3 above according to the **pet's** age at the date the **pet** is stolen or strays.

If **Your pet** is found or has returned after claiming, **you** must repay for **us** the full amount **we** have paid out under this section of the policy.

6.2 Exclusions

- 6.2.1 Any costs for theft which did not involve forcible and violent entry to a secure area, such as a pen or **Your** home;
- 6.2.2 Any reward to a member of **Your** family, to any person known to **You**, or to the person who was caring for **Your Pet** at the time of the incident;
- 6.2.3 Any costs if **you** or the person looking after **Your pet** has deliberately lost them, given them away or sold them.
- 6.2.4 Any costs for the theft of **Your pet** where it was not reported to the police, and **you** are unable to give **us** a crime reference number.
- 6.2.5 Any costs for **Your pet** straying, where it was not reported to local rescue centres and for dogs, **Your** local dog warden. **You** will need to prove this in order for **Your** claim to be considered.
- 6.2.6 Any claim where the **Pet** is aged 8 years and over at the time of loss.
- 6.2.7 **Your Pet** must not be found within 45 days of being stolen or straying.

SECTION 7 - HOLIDAY CANCELLATION COVER (NOT BRONZE OR ACCIDENT ONLY COVER)

7.1 Cover

We will pay **you** up to the amount shown on **you** up to the amount shown on **Your** chosen **policy** for the costs **you** have to pay to cancel or cut short **Your** holiday if:

- **You** cancel **Your holiday** within 14 days of **you** leaving to go on holiday or;
- **You** come home early because **Your vet** believes **Your pet** needs lifesaving **treatment** or lifesaving surgery.

You must, at **Your** own expense, send **Us** receipts showing the dates and costs **You** had to pay because of cancelling or cutting short **Your Holiday** from the travel company, tour operator or other similar party.

The total **Benefit Limit** that **We** will pay for **Holiday** Cancellation Cover is the **Benefit Limit** shown in **Your Schedule** in any one **Policy Period**. These will be subject to maximum of 25p per mile for travelling expenses and £75 per night for accommodation expenses.

7.2 Exclusions

- 7.2.1 Any **Holiday** costs where the **Holiday** was booked less than 28 days before **You** leave;
- 7.2.2 Any costs if **you** can claim these back from anywhere else, for example, **Your** travel insurance.
- 7.2.3 Any additional cancellation charges **you** had to pay because **you** did not tell the company providing **Your** transport or accommodation, their agents or any person acting for **you**, as soon as **you** knew **you** had to cancel **Your holiday**.
- 7.2.4 Any costs for anyone else that is on **Holiday** with **You** or is going to be on **holiday** with **you**. Unless they are under 18 years of age and no other adult is able to take care of them.
- 7.2.5 Any costs if **Your pet** does not have lifesaving **treatment** or lifesaving surgery which result in **you** cancelling **Your holiday** or returning home early.
- 7.2.6 Any costs if **Your Holiday** that does not start and finish in the **Policy Period**.
- 7.2.7 Any costs if the **Injury** was known about before going on **Holiday** and the **Injury** was likely to require emergency **Treatment** and/or surgery.
- 7.2.8 Any costs if the **treatment** was for an **illness** or **accident** that is not covered on **Your** policy.
- 7.2.9 Any additional costs which **you** had to pay, e.g. if **you** fail to arrive on time at the airport / ferry port.
- 7.2.10 Any claim more than one year after **you** return.
- 7.2.11 Any costs if **you** cannot provide **us** with all invoices and receipts for the amount **you** are claiming. **You** must provide **us** a booking invoice for the **holiday**, showing any cancellation charges. **You** must also provide **us** with confirmation and (where applicable) proof that **you** are unable to claim these costs back from **Your** travel providers.

SECTION 8 - OVERSEAS TRAVEL EXTENSION (COVER FOR YOUR PET WHILST TRAVELLING ABROAD) (NOT ACCIDENT ONLY COVER)

8.1 Cover

Any costs in the events **Your pet** requires **treatment** whilst outside the UK.

Cover overseas is for a maximum period of 30 days on all **policies**, and a maximum of 2 **holidays** in total per **policy period**.

We will pay up to the maximum **benefit limit** as shown in the **schedule** per **policy period** towards the costs of emergency **treatment**.

8.2 Exclusions

8.2.1 Any costs over the **Benefit Limit** as shown in the **Schedule** for emergency **Veterinary Fees**;

8.2.2 Any costs resulting from a **Holiday** that started before the **start Date**;

8.2.3 Any costs for **Treatment** occurring outside the maximum **Holiday** duration of 30 days;

8.2.4 Any costs resulting from an **injury** or **illness** not covered under the policy;

8.2.5 Any costs if **you** are unable to provide invoices/receipts showing the **treatment** given to **Your pet** and the cost.

8.2.6 The **Excess** and **Co-Payment** applicable to this section of cover.

SECTION 9 - ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE (GOLD AND GOLD PLUS COVERS ONLY)

9.1 Cover

We will pay up to the **Benefit Limit** as shown in the **Schedule** for any costs incurred following accidental damage to personal property that is not owned by **You**, a member of **Your** immediate family, a relative, employee, guest or other person who is responsible for or in control of **Your Pet**, such damage being caused directly by **Your Pet**. **You** are covered while **Your Pet** is visiting someone else's property, whether or not **You** are legally liable for the damage. **You** must give **Us** independent proof of value at **Your** cost. The damaged item must not be disposed of without **Our** written consent. A deduction will be made from the claim for wear and tear for items which were purchased more than 12 months before the damage occurred.

9.2 Exclusions

- 9.2.1 Damage to any motor vehicle or its contents;
- 9.2.2 Damage caused by **Your Pet** vomiting, defecating (fouling) or urinating;
- 9.2.3 Damage while **Your Pet** is left unattended.

SECTION 10 - THIRD PARTY LEGAL LIABILITY (CLAIMS AGAINST YOU OR YOUR DOG)

This section does not apply for cats.

10.1 What is covered?

The cover will only apply to incidents within:

- a) The **United Kingdom**, or:
- b) Whilst temporarily in a member state of The European Union, Northern Ireland, Andorra, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, Greenland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and the Vatican City State,
- provided that **your** dog complies with all the relevant legislation relating to movement across international borders, but only for the maximum stay shown in **your policy schedule**.

Guidance on taking your pet abroad can be found on the gov.uk website: <https://www.gov.uk/taking-your-pet-abroad/travelling-to-an-eu-country-or-northern-ireland?>

We will pay up to £1,000,000 for damages and costs ordered to be paid by any court in the countries listed under a) and b) above. **We** will make this payment if **your pet** (dogs only) is found to be to blame for any injury or damage that happened during the **period of insurance**, to the following:

1. Bodily injury or death to any person who is not in **your** employment or who is not a member of **your** family or living with **you**, or;
2. Loss of or damage to property that does not belong to and is neither in the charge of or under the control of **you**, anyone in **your** employment or any member of **your** family or anyone living with **you**.

The most **we** will pay under this section of the **policy** for all incidents occurring within the **period of insurance** will be the amount detailed in **your policy schedule**.

If someone else is looking after your dog when the injury or damage happens, we will still pay as long as:

- **You** asked them to look after **your** dog.
- **You** did not agree to pay them (or their family) or offered any thank you payment to look after **your** dog.
- The injury or damage was not to them or their property.

10.2 What is not covered?

1. **We** may not pay the claim or any claim for additional costs caused by **your** delays if **you** do not pay the £250 excess when asked by **us**.
2. Claims where **your pet** has not been found to be to blame by a court of law.
3. Claims for **incidents** that happened outside of those countries covered under “What is covered” item 2 above including the United States of America and Canada.
4. Claims for **incidents** that happen outside of the **period of insurance**.
5. Any payment if the injured person is part of **your** family, lives in **your** home, works for **you**, or is looking after **your pet** or is paid to look after **your pet**.
6. Any payment if the damaged property belongs to **you** or a person who is part of **your** family, lives in **your** home, works for **you**, is looking after **your pet** or is paid to look after **your pet**.
7. Any payment if **you** or someone listed above is looking after the property or holding it in trust or any liability when **your pet** is under the control or custody of a professional dog sitter, walker, groomer, or other similar professional caring for **your** dog where payment is made.
8. Any claim resulting from a period when **your pet** was left **unattended**.
9. Cover is not in force at any place where **you** or members of **your** family are subject to a contract of employment, carry out self-employed or voluntary work.
10. Cover is not provided at any event of confirmation show, agility event, working trial or Schutzhund competition.
11. Cover is not provided at any organised or recreational shooting or sporting event.
12. Any liability arising from an agreement, which imposes a liability on **you**, which **you** would not be under in the absence of such an agreement.
13. Any claim for injury or damage to property which **you** or a family member could have stopped but deliberately chose not to.
14. Any claim resulting from **your pet** passing on any disease or virus.
15. Any claim where **you** have not followed advice given to **you** by previous owners of **your** dog or by any rehoming organisation about **your** dog’s behavioural traits.

16. Any claim whilst **your pet** is being transported in a motorised vehicle.
17. Fines, penalties, or **your** breach of quarantine restrictions or import or export regulations.
18. Any damages, costs or expenses if **you** are insured under any other liability **policy** which covers any liability relating to **your pet** (including **your** household insurance) unless that cover has been used up.
19. Any claim costs over the **policy** limit under this section of **your policy**.
20. Any amount over the amount shown on **your policy schedule** in respect of all **incidents** occurring during the **period of insurance**.

10.3 Special Conditions that apply to this Policy section

No claims under this **policy** section will be paid for any pedigree dog that is not on **our** breed list when **you** purchased **your policy** (unless agreed by **us**), or a dog crossed with any pedigree breed not on **our** breed list. **We** specifically will not provide any cover if **your** dog is or has ever been crossed with an African Crested Dog, Akita, American Bandogge, American Bulldog, American Bully, American Indian Dog, American Mancon, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Argentinian Mastiff, Australian Dingo, Bandogge Mastiff, Bandogs, Boar Hounds, Boerboel, Bull Mastiff, Bulldog (American), Bully Kutta, Canadian Inuit, Canary Dog, Cane Corso, Cao Fila, Chinese Shar Pei, Chow Chow, Cirneco Dell Etna, Czechoslovakian Wolfdog, Dingo, Dogo Argentino, Dogue Brasileros, Dogue de Bordeaux, English Bulldog, Fila Brasileiro, German Shorthaired Pointer, Grand Bleu de Gascoigne, Inuit, Irish Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Japanese Akita, Japanese Tosa, Korean Jindo, Laika, Lybian Desert Dog, Mexican Hairless (Miniature), Mexican Hairless (Standard), Mexican Hairless Intermediate, Northern Inuit Dog, Pocket Bully, Perro De Pressa Canario, Pit Bull Mastiff, Pit Bull Terrier, Pointer, Portuguese Podengo, Pressa Canario, Racing Greyhound, Rottweiler, Saarloos Wolfhound, Segugios Italiano, Shar Pei, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Tamaskan, Thai Ridgeback, Tosa Inu, Utonagan, Wolf Dog, Wolf Hybrid, Working Sheepdog, XL Bully Type, or any dogs listed under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 and The Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland) order 1991 or Dangerous Dogs (amendment) Act 1997 or any subsequent amendments.

1. **You** must contact **us** as soon as there is an **incident** that could lead to a claim.
2. **You** must not admit to anyone that **your pet** was at fault, offer any payment, make a payment, or try to agree a payment.

3. **You** must forward on to **us** any letters, writs, summons, or other legal documents **you** receive, immediately, and **you** must not answer them. Details as to how **you** can contact **us** can be found on page 3 of this **policy** wording or on any mail **you** have received from **us**. Please remember to quote **your** claim or **policy** number.
4. **You** must tell **us** what happened or if **you** do not know, try to find out what happened following an **incident**. **You** must also give **us** a written statement as to what happened if **we** ask and go to court if required.
5. **We** may pay what **we** think is a fair amount to settle any claim made against **your pet**.
6. **We** will have complete control of any claim or the defence of any legal proceedings.
7. **You** must not give anybody information or anything that could help them claim against **you** other than giving them **your policy** number and **our** name and address. In relation to any third party liability claims, **we** may pay up to the limit of **your** stated **policy** cover or lesser amounts for which any claim can be settled (after deduction of any sum or sums already paid as compensation) and shall be released from any further liability under this **policy** (except for costs and expenses of litigation recoverable or incurred with **our** consent prior to the date of such payment).

SECTION 11 – WHAT WE ASK OF YOU

11.1 What We Ask Of You

Like all insurance policies there are some things that **you** are not allowed to do if **you** want **us** to pay for the claims **you** make. **You** must do as **we** ask below, if **you** do not then **we** may cancel **Your policy**, not deal with **Your** claim or reduce the amount **we** do pay. If there is anything **we** ask that **you** do not understand then please contact **us** as soon as **you** can.

- 11.1.1 If at the time of an event giving rise to a claim under this policy, there is any other insurance policy in **Your** name which is in force and which provides cover for the same expense, loss, damage or liability then **We** will only be liable for **Our** proportionate value of the claim, such proportion being determined by reference to the cover provided under each of the relevant policies. This “What We Ask Of You” section does not apply to Section 9 - Third Party liability (Dogs Only).
- 11.1.2 A dog on a public highway must be wearing a collar (with the name and address of the owner engraved on it or engraved on a tag) and lead and be under control. Appropriate steps must be taken to ensure a dog does not escape or stray and any area in which a dog is kept must be secure and appropriately fenced or otherwise secured. You must make sure that **Your** dog is muzzled, where this is recommended, when in public or on walks.
- 11.1.3 **You** must own **Your** pet and both you and **Your** pet must live at all times at the address shown on **Your** policy schedule.
- 11.1.4 **You** must not have had a previous insurance policy that has been declined, declared void or had special terms imposed on it by the insurer.
- 11.1.5 **You** must contact **us** as soon as **you** are aware of any changes that need to be to **Your policy**, such as **Your** postal address, phone number or email address. In the event of a change in **Your pet’s** or **Your** details, this may affect the premium for the rest of the **period of insurance**.
- 11.1.6 During the **Policy Period** **You** must take care of **Your Pet** including arranging and paying for any **Treatment** normally recommended by **Your Vet** to prevent or reduce the risk of **Illness** or **Injury**.
- 11.1.7 **You** must take **Your pet** for regular annual check-ups and keep **Your pet** vaccinated as advised by **Your vet**. There is no cover provided for these diseases in the event that the required vaccinations have not been administered to **Your pet**. Homeopathic vaccines are not acceptable.
- 11.1.8 **You** must ensure that **Your Pet** is treated regularly to prevent worms, ticks and fleas and if there is a risk of contagion, to keep **Your Pet** isolated from the same.

- 11.1.9 **You** must not misrepresent, misstate, omit or conceal any Information from the application for this insurance or when renewing it or claiming against it. In entering into the contract and under the Consumer insurance (Disclosure and Representations) Act 2012, **you** are under a duty to take all care in answering all questions in relation to this insurance honestly and to the best of **Your knowledge**. This includes anything that appears within **Your policy schedule** as well as any information relating to **Your pet's** medical history. **Your** failure to take reasonable care to avoid misrepresentation in relation to the information provided could result in **Your policy** being cancelled or **Your** claim being rejected or not fully paid. If **you** are in any doubt about **Your** duty to take reasonable care not to make a representation, please contact **us**.
- 11.1.10 If **We** have made any overpayments regarding claim settlements, **we** will contact **you** to discuss the best way for that money to be paid back to **us**.
- 11.1.11 If **we** offer further **periods of insurance**, **we** may change the premium, **fixed excess** and terms and conditions as **Your pet** gets older, and to allow for future increase in **treatment** costs.
- 11.1.12 **Rights of Third Parties**
The parties do not intend any term of this agreement to be enforceable pursuant to the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 nor any amendments to the Act or replacement legislation.
- 11.1.13 **Traveling With Your Pet**
This policy is valid in the **UK** and includes cover while **You** travel on **Holiday** with **Your Pet** in the **UK** and Republic of Ireland for 2 trips with a maximum of 30 days in each **Period of Insurance**. It also provides cover while **You** travel on **Holiday** with **Your Pet** outside the UK for 2 trips with a maximum of 30 days in each **Period of Insurance** under the Bronze, Silver, Silver Plus, Gold and Gold Plus levels of cover. Please visit the gov.uk website to follow the latest guidance on travel within the EU post-Brexit.
- 11.1.14 **You** must arrange for a **Vet** to examine and treat **Your Pet** as soon as possible after it shows **Clinical Signs** of an **Injury** or **Illness**. If **We** can see proof in **Your Pet's** clinical history that there has been any delay in arranging veterinary **Treatment** **We** will refer the case to an independent **Vet**. If it can be established that the delay in arranging **Treatment** has or is likely to result in additional costs or expenses

being incurred **We** reserve the right to either refuse to admit the claim or make a deduction from any settlement to reflect these increased costs or expenses.

11.1.15 Following a claim, **we** may try to get back any money **we** have paid from the person(s) that injured **Your pet**.

SECTION 12 - HOW TO CLAIM

12.1 In the event of an **Accident, Injury, Illness**, loss, destruction or damage giving rise or likely to lead to a claim under this policy, **You** must either:

12.1.3 Contact **Insurance Factory** by email (aa@insurancefactory.co.uk) or telephone (0330 102 5745) and request **Insurance Factory** to send **You** a claim form. Full instructions of how to complete the claim form will be provided. **You** must co-operate fully and truthfully to give **Insurance Factory** any information they may need.

12.1.4 **You** can also write to **Insurance Factory** at AA Pet Insurance, 2nd Floor, 5000 Lakeside, North Harbour, Western Road, Portsmouth, PO6 3EN, and request **Insurance Factory** to send **You** a claim form. Full instructions on how to complete the claim form will be provided. **You** must co-operate fully and truthfully to give **Insurance Factory** any information they may need.

12.2 For **illnesses** that cover more than one part of **Your** pet's body and bilateral **illnesses** which cover the eyes, ears or legs shall be treated as the same **illness** and we will charge only one fixed excess for each period of insurance. This is the definition as to how benefits are provided under this policy of insurance. If the condition diagnosed by **Your** veterinary surgeon is the same as a previous condition, they will be treated as the same condition even if the problem is to a different part of **Your** pet's body. For example: if **Your** pet has a growth on the left ear and at a later date a similar growth is found on the right ear both will be considered, in benefit terms, as the one condition. Benefit limits and the start date for the condition will apply from the date that the left ear growth was found no matter what the time difference is

between both diagnoses. If, when making **Your** claim there is a disagreement between **Your** vet and us, an independent vet chosen by us will be appointed and act as arbiter, whose decision both you and we must keep to.

12.3 Data consent

When dealing with any claim we may have to do the following which we must ask you to agree to:

- Ask **Your** current or previous veterinary practice, specialist, breeder or rescue centre for details about **Your** pet which relate to the claim you have made. If the vet charges for this information, you will be responsible for the costs.
- Transfer details of **Your** claim between us and **Your** veterinary practice using a third party system by electronic means.

SECTION 13 – OUR CONDITIONS FOR SETTLING CLAIMS

13.1 If requested by **Insurance Factory**, the **Vet** attending to **Your Pet** or the usual or previous **Vet** must, at **Your** expense, provide **Insurance Factory** with all information about **Your Pet**, including its full medical history or its **Treatment** as **Insurance Factory** may require.

13.2 **You** and **Your Vet** will have to complete all applicable sections of **Our** claim form and submit the same to **Insurance Factory** before a claim can be assessed by **Insurance Factory**. An incomplete claim form will be returned and this will delay settlement of **Your** claim. **We** will not pay any fee charged by **Your Vet** for completing the claim form. **Your** fully completed claim form is to be returned to **Us** without undue delay and in any event within 90 days of the last date on which **Treatment** occurred.

13.5 **You** must continue to pay **Your** premium and renew **Your** policy in order to receive payment for claims. In the event **You** fail to pay **Your** premium, lapse **Your** policy or cancel **Your** policy, all claim payments will cease from the date the policy is either lapsed or cancelled, or from the date of default in the event of non-payment, and no further monies will be due from **Us**.

13.6 We have the discretion to pay a claim for an **Accident** that occurred within the first 24 hours, subject to independent proof to support that the **Accident/Injury** occurred after the policy was incepted.

SECTION 14 – WHAT WE WILL NOT COVER

14.1 Any **Pre-existing Conditions**.

14.2 Any claims for **Illness** displaying **Clinical Signs** before or during the first 10 days of the **Commencement Date**.

14.3 Any claims for an **Accident** which happens during the first 24 hours of the **Commencement Date**.

14.4 Any claims arising from **Your Pet** being neutered or spayed, including any issues or **conditions** that are the result of these procedures.

14.5 Any claim as a result of a ‘notifiable’ disease (as defined by DEFRA – <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/notifiable-diseases-in-animals>) e.g. rabies.

14.6 We will not pay any claims where fraud has been committed against **us** or where false information has been provided to **us**. . For more information, please view “SECTION 20 – OTHER INFORMATION” under the heading “Fraud”.

14.7 Any claims arising as a result of Act of Parliament, by law or central or local government regulation.

- 14.8** Any costs for any **treatment** or **complementary therapy** connected to or resulting from organ transplants and fitting full or partial artificial limbs (prosthesis) with the exception of costs relating to replacement hip, elbow and or knee joints including pre and post-operative care.
- 14.9** Any costs arising as a result of experimental surgical procedures.
- 14.10** Any claims where **injury** or **illness** due to war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether this was declared or not), civil war, rebellion, **terrorism**, revolution, insurrection or military or usurped power.
- 14.11** Any claims where **injury** or **illness** due to ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel.
- 14.12** Any loss, **Injury**, damage, **Illness**, death or legal liability directly or indirectly caused by, happening through, in consequence of or contributed to:
- 14.11.1 An epidemic, pandemic or other such health warning, and declared as such by the World Health Organisation;
 - 14.11.2 Arising from any fear or threat (whether actual or perceived) of such epidemic or pandemic being declared or occurring;
 - 14.11.3 Any action taking in controlling, preventing, suppressing or in any way relating to any outbreak of such epidemic or pandemic.
- If **We** allege that, by reason of this exclusion, any claim is not covered by this policy the burden of proving the contrary shall be **Your** responsibility.
- 14.13** Where **You** have not followed advice given to **You** by previous owners of **Your Pet** or by any re-homing organisation.
- 14.14** Payments under this policy unless **You** have complied with all the terms, conditions and endorsements of this policy.

14.15 We shall not be liable for any claims of any kind which are caused by **Your Pet** straying, escaping, damaging property, or attacking persons or pets if **Your Pet** has done this on any previous occasion.

14.16 Excluded Pets

14.18.1 Any pets being used for **breeding**, guarding, track racing, coursing, beating, or used in connection with any business, trade, profession, or occupation (whether **you** are paid for such purposes or not).

14.18.2 Any dogs used as gundogs, used for or in connection with shooting or for the purposes of hunting of any kind whether for business or recreational purposes.

14.18.3 The following dogs, as outlined in the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, and/or any dog crossbred from these are specifically excluded from cover under any section of this policy:

- Pit Bull Terrier
- Japanese Tosa/Tosa Inus
- Dogo Argentino (also referred to as Argentine Dogo and Argentinian Mastiff)
- Fila Brasileiro
- XL Bully Type

Including any “type”, as defined in the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, considered to match the description of a prohibited “type”; any breed crossed with the above; and any other breed or type deemed be dangerous by the Secretary of State and subsequently added to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

14.18.4 In addition, the following types/breeds and/or any pets crossbred from these are also excluded from cover under any and all sections of this policy:

African Crested Dog, Akita, American Bandogge, American Bulldog, American Bully, American Indian Dog, American Mancon, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Argentinian Mastiff, Australian Dingo, Bandogge Mastiff, Bandogs, Boar Hounds, Boerboel, Bull Mastiff, Bulldog (American), Bully Kutta, Canadian Inuit, Canary Dog, Cane Corso, Cao Fila, Chinese Shar Pei, Chow Chow, Cirneco Dell Etna, Czechoslovakian Wolfdog, Dingo, Dogo Argentino, Dogue Brasileros, Dogue de Bordeaux, English Bulldog, Fila Brasileiro, German Shorthaired Pointer, Grand Bleu de Gascoigne, Inuit, Irish Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Japanese Akita, Japanese Tosa, Korean Jindo, Laika, Lybian Desert Dog, Mexican Hairless (Miniature), Mexican Hairless (Standard), Mexican Hairless Intermediate, Northern Inuit Dog, Perro De Pressa Canario, Pit Bull Mastiff, Pit Bull Terrier, Pocket Bully, Pointer, Portuguese Podengo, Pressa Canario, Racing Greyhound, Rottweiler, Saarloos Wolfhound, Segugios Italiano, Shar Pei, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Tamaskan, Thai Ridgeback, Tosa Inu, Utonagan, Wolf Dog, Wolf Hybrid, Working Sheepdog, XL Bully Type.

14.19 Any **Pet** less than 8 weeks old.

14.20 Claim settlements where **You** have failed to pay the relevant premium due to **Us** or **You** cancel **Your** policy. In these circumstances any eligible claim payment will be deducted from any outstanding premium due.

14.21 The applicable **Excess** and **Co-payment**, as shown in **Your Schedule**.

14.22 Loss, damage, cost or expense of whatever nature arising directly or indirectly from an act of **terrorism** regardless of any other cause or event contributing at the same time or in any other sequence to the loss.

14.23 Any pet that has previously shown signs of aggressive behaviour, been trained to attack or is used for guarding.

14.24 This policy excludes all **pets** used for commercial security work or those which have been trained to attack. All cover is excluded for any policyholders who also hold a Security Industry Authority (SIA) licence of any description and carry out any activity that the SIA licence allows.

14.25 Any charge for surgical equipment that can be used more than once.

14.26 Fees for unapproved **Complementary Medicine** including but not limited to pulsed magnetic field therapy, matrix energy field therapy, the Bowen Technique, reiki massage and faith healing are excluded from cover.

14.27 Any claims made for any event, **Accident, Illness**, incident or **Injury** that happens outside of the **Policy Period**.

SECTION 15 - NON PAYMENT

15.1 In the event of payment default **You** have 7 days from the date of default to contact **Us** to arrange payment. If payment is not received **Your** policy will be cancelled from the default date. A pro-rata charge for **Your** period on cover will be made. Where a claim has been made, the remaining premium for the policy year will be charged.

15.2 In the event **Your** Direct Debit is cancelled **You** have 7 days from the date the Direct Debit is cancelled to contact **Us** to arrange payment and provide **Us** with valid bank details. If payment is not received **Your** policy will be cancelled from the date **We** are notified by **Your** bank that the Direct Debit is cancelled. A pro-rata charge for **Your** period on cover will be made as detailed in **Insurance Factory's** Terms of Business. Where a claim has been made, the remaining premium for the policy year will be charged.

SECTION 16 - CANCELLATION RIGHTS

16.1 Once **You** have purchased a policy, **You** have 14 days from the **Commencement Date** within which **You** can cancel the policy. If **You** wish to cancel **Your** policy please contact **Insurance Factory's** offices using the details below. Upon receipt of **Your** cancellation request **We** shall cancel **Your** policy and provided no claims have been made **You** shall receive a refund of any premium **You** have paid. Please refer to **Insurance Factory's** Terms of Business for full details.

16.2 If **You** wish to cancel **Your** policy at any other time, a pro-rata charge will be made as detailed in **Insurance Factory's** Terms of Business. If **You** wish to cancel **Your** policy please contact **Insurance Factory's** offices using the details below.

- 16.3** If **You** wish to cancel **Your** policy and a claim has been made, including if a claim is made against **You**, the remaining premium for the policy year will be charged in the month of the cancellation notification. This will not apply in the event of the death or loss of **Your Pet**. If **You** wish to cancel **Your** policy please contact **Insurance Factory's** offices either in writing by post to Insurance Factory Limited, 2nd Floor, 5000 Lakeside, North Harbour, Western Road, Portsmouth, PO6 3EN, or by email to cancellations@insurancefactory.co.uk or by telephone on 0330 102 5762.
- 16.4** **We** may cancel **Your** policy if there are serious reasons to do so, for example **You** have advised **Us** of a change in **Your** or **Your Pets** circumstances which means **You** no longer meet **Our** risk criteria; where **You** have had a previous insurance policy that has been declined, declared void or had special terms improved by the insurer; where **We** suspect fraud or **You** have deliberately or recklessly misrepresented the information provided in connection with this insurance. **We** will do this by writing to **You** at **Your** last known address; **this may include an email address given by you to accept mail**. If **We** cancel **Your** policy all claim payments will cease from the date the policy is either lapsed or cancelled and no further monies will be due from **Us**.
- 16.5** If **Your Pet** dies or is reported as lost or stolen and **You** need to make a claim, the remaining premiums for the full policy year will not be charged.

I'm having financial difficulty

If you are paying for this insurance monthly and you think you may be unable to meet **Your** regular policy payments, please contact us as soon as possible. We have specialists on hand who can agree how best we can help with **Your** financial situation. There are several ways we may be able to help, including moving **Your** payment dates. Don't wait until you miss a payment as we can help you in advance. We ask that you don't cancel **Your** payments or direct debits as this can result in **Your** policy being cancelled and we don't want you to be left uninsured, please get in touch with us as soon as you can. If you're paying annually, please review **Your** cover and check that it meets **Your** requirements, and again, please contact us to discuss how we can help you. Additional financial help is available externally from Money Helper which is a free service provided by the Money and Pensions Service: www.moneyhelper.org.uk/debt-advice-locator.

SECTION 17 - ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

17.1 Your policy includes the following additional benefits:

17.1.1 Find a **Pet Sitter** – **We** can put **You** in contact with members of the National Register of **Pet Sitters**. These are people who have registered with and abide by their Code of Practice and are not specifically recommended by or affiliated to **Us**. If **You** need to contact a **Pet** sitter call 0330 102 5743.

17.1.2 Find a **Vet** - **We** can put **You** in contact with a local **Vet** wherever **You** are in the UK. If **You** need to contact a **Vet** call 0330 102 5742.

SECTION 18 - COMPLAINT HANDLING PROCEDURE

If **You** have a complaint please follow this procedure:

18.1 If **You** are unhappy with any part of **Our** service please write to: The Complaints Manager, Insurance Factory Limited, 2nd Floor, 5000 Lakeside, North Harbour, Western Road, Portsmouth, PO6 3EN. Alternatively **You** can email complaints@insurancefactory.co.uk or call us on 0330 102 5741.

18.2 If **we** have given **you our** final response, or if **you** have not heard from **us** within 8 weeks, or if **you** are still not satisfied **you** may refer **Your** case to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). The Ombudsman is an independent body that arbitrates on complaints about general insurance products and other financial services. It will only consider complaints after **you** have been provided with written confirmation that all internal complaints procedures have been exhausted.

Insurance Division
Financial Ombudsman
Service Exchange Tower
Harbour exchange square
London
E14 9SR

Tel: 0300 123 9123
Fax: 020 7964 1001

Please note that **you** have six months from the date of the final response in which to refer **Your** complaint to the ombudsman. Referral to the ombudsman will not affect **Your** right to take legal action.

18.3 Financial Services Compensation Scheme

If **We** are unable to meet **Our** 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 0207 741 4100 or 0800 678 1100.

SECTION 19 – HOW WE USE YOUR INFORMATION

We believe in keeping **Your** information safe and secure. Full details of what data **We** collect and how **We** use it can be found in **Our** privacy policy on **our** pet insurance website, or by requesting a copy from **Our** Data Protection Officer (contact details below). This section provides **You** with some basic information and briefly explains what **We** do with **Your** information

We are governed by the Data Protection legislation applicable in both the United Kingdom.

We collect **Your** personal details in order to consider **Your** application for insurance and to administer insurance services to **You**, including claims investigation and management

We may use **Your** personal information for a number of lawful purposes. These include: providing **You** with **Our** contracted services; dealing with **Your** claim; carrying out checks such as fraud checks and credit checks; and where agreed, providing **You** with information about similar products and services which may be of interest to **you**.

In order to provide **Our** services to **You**, **We** may share **Your** personal information with other insurance companies, solicitors, regulators, business partners and third party suppliers where necessary. **We** may also have a legal obligation to provide **Your** information, in certain circumstances, with regulators, police and other public bodies. Information **You** supply may be used for the purposes of insurance administration by **Us** and third parties. These third parties may share **Your** information with their own agents.

Providing you with details on our Products and Services

Where **You** have given **Us** **Your** consent to do so, **We** will send **You** information about products and services of **Ours** or other third parties which may be of interest to **You** via telephone, letter or email (as **You** have indicated).

You have a right at any time to stop **Us** from contacting **You** for marketing purposes or giving **Your** information to other third parties.

If **You** no longer wish to be contacted for marketing purposes then please contact **Us** by e-mailing:

customerqueries@insurancefactory.co.uk.

Your Rights as a Data Subject

Under Data Protection Laws **You** have certain rights; these include for example, a right to understand what data **We** hold on **You** and a right to ask **Us** to amend that data if it is incorrect. If **You** would like to exercise any of **Your** rights as detailed within **our** full privacy policy, please contact **Our** Data Protection Officer (contact details below).

Data Protection Officer

If **You** have any questions about how **We** use **Your** data, or to exercise any of **Your** data rights please contact **Our** Data Protection Officer at:

Data Protection Officer
Insurance Factory Limited
45 Westerham Road
Bessels Green
Sevenoaks
Kent
TN13 2QB

Please make sure **You** provide **Your** name, address, policy number and other relevant information to allow **Us** to respond to **Your** query.

You understand that all personal data **You** supply must be accurate.

If **You** would like any other person to discuss **Your** policy or make amendments, then **We** must have **Your** permission.

SECTION 20 – OTHER INFORMATION

Language

All communication between **You** and **Us** will be conducted in English.

Updating Your Records

If **You** think **Insurance Factory's** records are wrong or out of date, particularly **Your** contact details, **You** must contact **Insurance Factory** straight away to correct them. **You** can do this by calling 0330 102 5741 or by emailing customerqueries@insurancefactory.co.uk.

Altering Your Policy

Should **You** wish to alter this policy please contact **Insurance Factory's** office. This can be done in writing by post to Insurance Factory Limited, 2nd Floor, Lakeside 5000, North Harbour, Western Road, Portsmouth, PO6 3EN, or by email to customerqueries@insurancefactory.co.uk or by telephone on 0330 102 5741. If **You** have not received an acknowledgement from **Insurance Factory** within 14 days, **You** must post the details by recorded delivery.

The Information You Gave Us

We rely upon the information **You** provide to **Us** to decide whether to insure **Your Pet** and the terms and conditions under which **We** will offer cover. English Law requires **You** to inform **Us** about all known factors relating to the health, condition and behaviour of **Your Pet** in answer to **Our** questions which may influence **Our** decision. **You** must take care in response to the questions and statements concerning this insurance. If **You** fail in **Your** duty of taking care not to make a misrepresentation to **Us**, **We** may exercise certain remedies that include cancelling this policy, retaining premiums or reducing the benefits due in terms of the policy. If **You** are in any doubt as to whether a fact is or may be important to **Us**, **You** must tell **Us** about it.

Fraud

It is unfortunate that with all types of insurance, fraud and attempted fraud can occur. **We** employ sophisticated fraud detection and prevention techniques to ensure **we** only pay out on genuine claims. By doing this, **we** are protecting the interest of all policyholders and are able to offer a comprehensive **Policy** with competitive premiums.

We and/or **Our** agents, along with other insurers pass information to fraud prevention and credit reference agencies. **We** may pass **Your** details to the Claims and Underwriting Exchange Register run by the Motor Insurers' Bureau and Insurance Hunter, a central insurance anti-fraud system and other databases, to which other insurers may have access.

We have access to **Veterinary** specialists who will review any claims where **we** feel **treatment** is excessive, or if **we** suspect any kind of misrepresentation has been made from either **you** or **Your vet** in an attempt to get a claim paid.

We will not pay any claims and will straight away void **Your policy** (and any other policies **you** have with **us**) if **you** or anyone acting for **you**:

1. Makes a claim under the **policy** knowing the claim to be false or fraudulently exaggerated in any respect.
2. Make a statement in support of a claim knowing the statement to be false in any respect.
3. Submit a document in support of a claim knowing the document to be forged or false in any respect.
4. Make a claim in respect of any loss or damage caused by **Your** wilful act or with **Your** connivance.

What we will do if we suspect fraud

We may ask **you** to return the amount of any claim **we** have previously paid under the **policy**, since the last renewal date.

We will not give back any refund of any premiums already paid.

We may inform the police of the circumstances.

We will straight away cancel this and all other **policies you** have with **us**.

Policy Duration

All **Our** policies are annual policies which run for 12 consecutive calendar months. Before the end of each 12 month period, **We** will write to **You** to inform **You** about any changes to the premium and/or policy terms and conditions for the next 12 months. In the event of payment default **You** have 7 days from this date to contact **Us** to arrange payment. If payment is not received **Your** policy will be cancelled from the default date.

Renewal

We will write to **You** by email or post where more appropriate at least 14 days before **Your** renewal date. **We** will inform **You** about any changes to the premium and/or policy terms and conditions for the next **Policy Period**.

If **You** pay **Your** premium by Direct Debit there is no need for **You** to take further action, **Your** policy will automatically continue at the end of the 12 month period subject to policy terms and conditions. A further 12 equal monthly payments will be taken, reflecting the premiums stated within **Your** renewal documentation. If **You** pay by debit or credit card **You** need to contact **Us** to make payment before the renewal date.

If you pay for **Your** policy in full by debit or credit card, you need to contact us to make payment before the renewal date. **Your** policy will NOT automatically renew.

We will write to the last email address given to us by you. We are unable to prevent these from going into **Your** spam or junk folders so please check these folders as well as **Your** current inbox. If **Your** email address has changed, then please inform us so that we can keep **Your** records up to date.

If you are facing financial difficulties and don't think you can afford to pay for the renewal of the policy then please speak with us to discuss how we can help you.

If **You** do not wish **Your** policy to renew at the end of the **Policy Period** **You** should inform **Us** straight away and before the date of renewal at the latest. **You** should also cancel **Your** Direct Debit or continuous credit card mandate.

Your renewal documents will be sent to **You** by email at least 14 days before the renewal date of **Your** policy. **We** will email the last email address given to **Us** by **You**. **We** are unable to prevent these from going into **Your** spam or junk folders so please check these folders as well as **Your** current inbox. If **Your** email address changes between the **Commencement Date** and renewal date please inform **Us** so that **We** can keep **Your** record up to date.

You should take care to inform **Us** of any factors relating to **Your Pet** which have changed since the policy started or since the last renewal.

If **We** offer further **Policy Periods**, **We** may change the premium and the policy terms and conditions as **Your Pet** gets older and to allow for future increases in **Treatment** costs.

At renewal, **We** have the right to limit or withdraw Third Party Legal Liability cover based on a review of **Your Pets** claims or clinical history where **Your Vet** has raised concerns around **Your Pets'** behaviour. For example, any aggressive tendencies shown or any incidents where **Your Pet** has caused **Injury** to a person or another animal.

Telephone Call Charges

Calls to 0330 and 0344 numbers are charged at a local rate from land lines and standard rates from mobiles and are also included in minutes for mobile calling plans.

About the Insurer

For details of the underwriters of **your policy**, and the underwriters of the Third Party Liability (dogs only) section of **your policy**, please refer to the "About the products we offer" section of **your** Terms of Business Agreement document.

About the Administrator

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Changes to the Policy

If there are changes to **Your** policy which change the risk covered, **We** may either decline any insurance risk or make changes to the premium and the terms quoted.

In the event of a change in **Your Pet** details or **Your** details **We** will amend the premium from the date of those changes.

If **You** are not resident in the **United Kingdom** this contract is not suitable.

The law that applies to this policy

The law of England and Wales will apply to this policy unless **you** and **we** agree differently. Alternatively, if **you** live permanently in Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Island or the Isle of Man, the law of that country will apply (unless agreed otherwise). This policy and all other information concerning it are written in the English language.