

POLICY WORDING



Welcome to Lifetime Pet Cover

YOU MUST READ THIS DOCUMENT AND THE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE WHICH FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE POLICY, TO ENSURE THIS PRODUCT MEETS YOUR DEMANDS AND NEEDS.

We're delighted to welcome you and your pet to Lifetime Pet Cover. We know that pets aren't just animals, they are a part of the family.

Lifetime Pet Cover is an annual policy that meets the demands and needs to provide cover for veterinary treatment for injury or illness and other expenses associated with protecting your pet. The total cost for all conditions paid in one policy term cannot exceed the veterinary fee limit as stated in your Certificate of Insurance. Any amount over the limit will have to be paid by you for the remainder of the policy term. However, any illness or injury (including clinical signs) which happen before the policy starts will not be covered and will be considered as a pre-existing condition.

As this a 12-month contract if your cover is renewed your pet will benefit from continuous cover for the next policy term, including costs for recurring conditions, and the full veterinary fee limit chosen will be available again. If we are unable to offer you cover, we'll notify you in good time before your policy expiry so you can find alternative cover before your policy term ends.

It is important to note that the Policy Terms and Conditions can change over time and as Lifetime Pet Cover can provide cover for various conditions over the life of your pet, you must be able to afford to pay for your policy each year. The policy is likely to increase in price at renewal, based on the age of your pet, claims history and other costs, such as enhancements to cover and increases in the costs of veterinary treatment. You will also need to consider that excesses may change as your pet gets older.

FOR EXAMPLE: The cost of covering a pet (based on pricing inflation in 2023) can increase between 10% - 20% each year for pets up to 10 years old, although higher increases could apply. For older pets, the renewal price could rise by 35% or more.

What do I need to do now?

Accessible Documents.

We can send your documents in several formats; for example, braille, large print or an MP3 audio file. If you require the documents to be in a different format, please get in touch with Lifetime Pet Cover's Customer Service team. They'll be more than happy to sort these for you, and you can find the contact details at the bottom of this page.

2. Check and read your documents carefully.

We want to make sure that this cover is right for you and your pet. Read your documents carefully and check that all the information you've provided is correct. It's important as if your pet has been injured or suffered from an illness or clinical sign(s) in the past, there is a chance that we'll be unable to pay your claim should you ever need to make one. If you have any questions about this, please contact us.

How you can help us. 3.

We've created our pet cover by listening to pet owners. We want to understand your needs and take your suggestions on board. This lets us ensure that our products are honest, friendly, and easy to understand. If you've any feedback that you feel would add, help, shape and/or improve our products, or if there is anything you don't understand, we would love to hear from you. So, if you have any questions, compliments, problems or even complaints, please contact Lifetime Pet Cover.

How to get in touch.

If you need to contact us, you'll find all of our contact information below. Make sure you keep these details somewhere safe. That way, if you ever need to get in touch, you don't need to search for them.



Email





Write

Email Lifetime at:

Customer Service, Sales & Renewals hello@lifetimepetcover.co.uk

Call Lifetime on:

Saturday: 9am - 1pm

Customer Service, Sales & Renewals 020 3750 0022 Monday to Friday: 8:30am - 6pm

Write to:

Customer Service, Sales & Renewals Lifetime Pet Cover The Old Dairy, Western Court, Bishops Sutton, **SO24 0AA**

Claims

Email Covéa Insurance at: claims@petadminteam.com

Claims

0330 024 2493 Monday to Friday: 9am - 5pm Closed weekends & Bank Holidays

Call Covéa Insurance on:

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FirstVet

As part of your policy, you can access unlimited advice from FirstVet directly on your mobile or computer. This service is completely free and, doesn't affect your cover with us.

FirstVet is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year,

Here are some of the things they may be able to help you with:

- Vomiting and diarrhoea
- Itching and skin problems
- · Eye and ear problems
- · Coughing and sneezing
- Poisoning

FirstVet can also give you advice for things not covered by your insurance; for example, preventative care. However, those appointments must be paid for by you. Please check your policy wording to find out if any recommended treatment by FirstVet is covered by your policy.

Important

If your pet is very sick or badly injured, you should always seek veterinary care immediately.

How it works

- 1. Download the app from https://firstvet.com/uk/and select 'Lifetime Pet Cover' when creating an account.
- 2. Register with the same email address, phone number and date of birth you use for your Lifetime Pet Cover policy.
- 3. Click 'My pets' the section will be populated with your pet's details.
- 4. Make an appointment select your pet, describe its symptoms and choose a time that suits you.
- 5. Enable notifications on your phone, to receive an alert when your vet starts the video call.
- 6. After the visit, a journal will be sent to you with the vet's advice and diagnosis. You'll also be sent a referral for treatment, if you need one.



Explaining Key Terms of your Policy

Lifetime Policy

It's important you understand what we mean by Lifetime. We know this can be quite confusing, which is why we want to explain exactly how our Lifetime Policy works.

This Lifetime Policy doesn't guarantee that we'll be able to provide cover for your pets' entire life.

Our Lifetime Policy is a 12-month annual contract which is subject to terms, conditions, and underwriting criteria. This 12-month period is known as the Policy Term. At the end of each policy term if we invite you to renew your cover and you decide to accept by continuing to pay your payment (either monthly or annually) the policy will be automatically renewed, unless you instruct us otherwise, and the veterinary fee limit chosen will be available again.

Occasionally, we may find as part of our annual review that we can't offer to cover your pet the following policy term. This can be for a variety of reasons as underwriting criteria and terms can change from time to time. If this ever happens, we'll be sure to notify you as soon as possible to give you time to find alternative cover before your policy term ends.

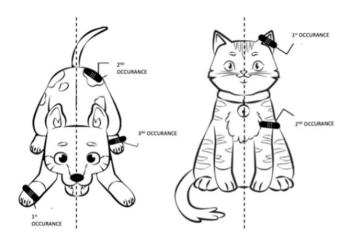
Pre-Existing Conditions

We do not cover any illness, behavioural illness, injury or accident that your pet had or showed clinical signs of having before the policy started. This usually includes illnesses and injuries that can happen again or may appear in different parts of your pet's body.

For example, if your pet had an ear infection in the left ear before you took out your current policy, your insurance will not cover the cost of treatment for any future infections in either ear, regardless of whether you made a claim under a previous policy or if it's the other ear that never had the infection previously.

Condition

If your pet develops a condition in one part of their body that they've previously had in another part of their body, we'll class it as one condition.



Your pet develops, for example, a lipoma (a fatty lump) on their right leg. You'll take your pet to the vet for treatment and make a claim on your policy. Your pet then develops another lipoma on their back 6 months later. You take your pet to the vet again and make another claim. We'll consider this all as one condition.

Using this example, it's important to mention that if your pet developed the initial lipoma before your policy started, we'd consider the second lipoma as a pre-existing condition.

Explaining Key Terms of your Policy

Fixed and Percentage Excess

The fixed excess payable are:



The fixed excess for veterinary fees of £149* or £199* is the amount that you'll need to pay in each policy term for each unrelated condition or incident, before we pay towards any claim.

There is an excess of £250 for Third Party Liability.

For veterinary fees and complementary treatment If your pet is between 4 and 6 years old, you'll also need to pay a 15% excess towards each claim, if your pet is aged between 7 and 11 years old, you'll need to pay 25%, if your pet is 12 years old or older, you'll need to pay 30%. The percentage excess is calculated after your fixed excess has been deducted and is known as a coinsurance payment.

If a claim continues into a new policy term, then you will pay another fixed excess (and percentage excess if payable) if the treatment date is in the next policy term.

Please see an example below based on a pet aged between 7-11 years old, of how to calculate the amount you will need to pay in the event of a claim when both a fixed and percentage excess are payable.

Total Cost of Treatment		£1,500
Minus the fixed excess payable	£199	£1,301
Minus co-insurance payable	25% of £1,301 = £325.25	£975.75
Balance payable by us		£975.75
Amount Paid by You	£199 + £325.25	£524.25

Following your vets' instructions

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It's important that whenever a vet provides you with advice, you follow it. We won't pay for any condition that could have been avoided by following a vets' instruction. For example, your pet is known to be a scavenger and your vet has advised you to avoid giving or leaving any rubber toys laying around the house. However, you continue to provide access to rubber toys and your pet ends up eating one and your pet needs it to be surgically removed. We wouldn't cover the surgery to remove the object, as it could have been prevented by you taking your vets' advice.

^{*} depending if the policy was purchased prior to, or after, 1st December 2023.

Explaining Key Terms of your Policy

Payment of premiums

Your pet is only covered if you keep your payments up to date.

If you pay for your policy monthly, we will collect your first premium with 14 days of your purchase, your monthly payments will then be collected each month on the date selected by you. Monthly payments will be collected by direct debit using the bank details that were provided by you when purchasing the policy. All payments will be collected monthly in advance. You must keep your payments up to date to ensure your pet is covered under the policy, even if you are in receipt of, or awaiting a claim payment.

If your payment cannot be collected on the first attempt, you will receive details of when a further attempt to collect the payment again will be made. Should the second payment attempt fail, your policy will be scheduled for cancellation and you will be informed of this in writing. Should the payment remain outstanding, your policy will be cancelled in line with the payments you have made, as long as no claims are pending and you have not already made a claim during the policy term.

If you decide to cancel your policy, please refer to 'Cancelling Your Policy' for full details.

Paying for the policy in full by credit or debit card

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If you pay for your annual cover in full by credit or debit card every year, your policy will not automatically renew. It is your responsibility to contact us and make payment for your renewal and ensure your pet is covered under the policy, even if you are in receipt of, or awaiting a claim payment.

You will receive a renewal invite up to 21 days before your policy is due to renew. If you fail to pay for your renewal before your current policy expires, your policy will not renew and there will be no cover from your renewal date.

If you decide to cancel your policy, please refer to the 'Cancelling Your Policy' Section for full details.

Did you know?

If you are struggling to pay your monthly or annual payment we're here to help, and we'll work with you to find the best solution based on your circumstances. Please contact Lifetime Pet Cover Customer Service team.

If you're worried about your finances, it can be hard to know where to turn. We've partnered with Money Wellness who provide free and impartial expert debt advice. You can call them on 0161 518 8285 or visit www.moneywellness.com



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If **we** explain what a word means, that word is in bold font and has the same meaning wherever it appears in the Policy Terms and Conditions.

Defined Word	Meaning
Accident	A sudden, unexpected, specific event that results in an injury to your pet or damage to a third party.
	For the sake of clarity, the following illnesses are not considered Accidents : luxating patellae; all cruciate ligament problems, including rupture or strain of one or both cruciate ligaments ; degenerative joint disease; hip dysplasia; hyperextending hocks; Juvenile Pubis Symphysiodesis (JPS).
Aggressive behaviour	Your pet has shown any of the following behaviour(s):
	Attempted to bite any human or animal, has bitten any human or animal and/or killed/attacked any human or animal.
Aggressive tendencies	Your dog has shown any signs of the following behaviour(s):
	Territorial aggression, protective or guarding, fear aggression, defensive aggression, social aggression, frustrated or elicited aggression, redirected aggression, predatory aggression, dominance aggression, attempted to bite any human or animal, has bitten any human or animal, has chased any human or animal.
Agreed countries	Any European Union member States and Territories which are included in the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) or part of the Common Travel Area .
Behaviourist	 A Certified Clinical Animal behaviourist or a member of one of the following organisations, from our list of approved specialists: 1. Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors 2. Canine and Feline Behaviour Association
Behavioural illness	Any change(s) to your pet's normal behaviour that is caused by a mental or emotional disorder that could not have been prevented by training, socialisation or medical intervention, caused by the environment in which your pet is kept or caused by how your pet has been handled by you , your family or the person looking after your pet .
Bilateral disorder/condition	Any condition affecting body parts of which the pet has at least two, including, but not limited to: ears, eyes, elbows, shoulders, knees, hips or cruciate ligaments . Bilateral disorders are considered to be one condition .
Certificate of Insurance	The document which contains details about you , your pet , sections of cover (including policy limits and excesses), that apply to the cover you have chosen.
Channel Islands	Consists of the Bailiwick of Jersey and the Bailiwick of Guernsey.
Clinical sign(s)	Changes in your pet's normal healthy state, its bodily functions or behaviour, which are caused by an injury , illness , disease or behavioural illness .

Defined Word	Meaning		
Common Travel Area	Consists of England, Scotland, Island of Ireland, Wales, The Channel Islands and Isle of Man.		
Complementary therapist	A member of one of the following organisations, from our approved list of specialists: 1. Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Animal Therapy (ACPAT) 2. Canine Hydrotherapy Association (CHA) 3. Institute of Registered Veterinary and Animal Physiotherapists (IRVAP) 4. International Association of Animal Therapists (IAAT) 5. International Vet Chiropractic Association (IVCA) 6. McTimoney Chiropractic Association 7. National Association of Registered Canine Hydro therapists (NARCH) 8. National Association of Veterinary Physiotherapists (NAVP)		
Complementary treatment	 The cost of any examination, consultation, advice, test and legally prescribed medication for the following procedures, where they treat an illness or injury and are recommended by your vet. Acupuncture and homeopathy carried out by, and herbal medicine prescribed by, a veterinary practice. Chiropractic manipulation carried out by a veterinary practice or a qualified animal chiropractor from our approved list of specialists, who is a member of the McTimoney Chiropractic Association or the International Association of Animal Therapists (UK). Hydrotherapy carried out: (a) In a pool which has full Canine Hydrotherapy Association membership, or (b) By a veterinary practice, providing the hydrotherapy is carried out in a pool they own. Osteopathy carried out by a veterinary practice or a qualified animal osteopath who is a member of the International Association of Animal Therapists (UK) and on our list of approved specialists. 		
Condition	Clinical signs of an injury or illness resulting in the same diagnosis, regardless of the number of incidents . The condition will be deemed a bilateral condition if it is affecting body parts of which your pet has at least two.		
Cruciate Ligament	A rupture or strain of one or both cruciate ligaments however caused, or any arthritis or any other illness or injury that develops from them. A cruciate ligament is known as a bilateral disorder .		



Defined Word	Meaning
Cruciate Ligament in the first 30 days	 Any cruciate ligament problems 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 a cruciate ligament problem or clinical sign your pet had; in the first 30 days after the start of your policy however caused.
Elective Treatment or diagnostics	Any treatment or diagnostics you request, which the vet confirms or would reasonably consider as not necessary.
Excess/Excesses	The amount you will have to pay in the event of a claim. The amount will be shown on your current Certificate of Insurance .
Excluded Breed(s)	Any dog that must be registered under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, the Dangerous Dogs Act (Northern Ireland) 1991 and the Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Act 1997 or any further amendments to these Acts, and/or any pet breed/species which is excluded by us and is listed below (including breeds which are known or classed as the names listed): Abruzzese Mastiff, African Crested Dog, African Wild Dog, Alangu Mastiff, American Bulldog, American Bully, American Bully XL, American Indian Dog, American Mancon, American Mastiff, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Rottweiler, American Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Argentine Dogo, Argentinian Mastiff, Australian Dingo, Bandogge, Bandogge Mastiff, Blue Bull Terrier, Boerboel, Bole, Brazilian Mastiff, Bully, Bully Kutta, Canadian Inuit Dog, Canary Dog, Canary Mastiff, Cane Corso, Cão de Fila de São Miguel, Cão Fila, Chinese Shar Pei, Czechoslovakian Wolfdog, Dingo, Dogo Argentino, Dogue Brasileiro, East Siberian Laika, Fila Brasileiro, Gull Dong, Husky Wolf Hybrid, Inuit Dog American, Irish Staffordshire, Irish Staffordshire Blue Bull Terrier, Irish Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Irish Wolfhound, Italian Mastiff, Japanese Mastiff, Japanese Tosa, Johnson American Bulldog, Korean Jindo, Korean Mastiff, Laika, Libyan Desert Dog, Neapolitan Mastiff, Northern Inuit Dog, Pakistani Bull Dog, Perro de Presa Canario, Pit Bull Mastiff, Pit Bull Terrier, Pocket Bully, Presa Canario, Racing Greyhound, Sarloos Wolfhound, Shar Pei, South African Boerboel, South African Mastiff, Tamaskan Dog, Tibetan Mastiff, Tosa, Tosa Inu, Utonagan Dog, Wolf Hybrid and Wolfdog.
Family	Your husband, wife, civil partner, life partner, parents, grandparents, brothers, daughters, sisters, sons, step relations, grandsons and granddaughters.
Home	The place in the United Kingdom where you usually live.
Illness/illnesses	Any change(s) from a normal healthy state, sickness, disease, defects and abnormalities, including defects and abnormalities your pet was born with or were passed on by its parents and cannot have been caused by an injury .



Defined Word	Meaning
Illness which starts in the first 14 days of cover	 An illness that showed clinical signs in the first 14 days of your pet's first policy term, or
	 An illness which is the same as, or has the same diagnosis or clinical signs as an illness that showed clinical signs in the first 14 days of your pet's first policy term, or
	 An illness that is caused by, relates to, or results from, a clinical sign that was noticed, or an illness that showed clinical signs in the first 14 days of your pet's first policy term, no matter where the illness or clinical signs are noticed or happen in, or on, your pet's body.
Incident(s)	A specifically identifiable injury or illness . Recurring and/or chronic incidents shall be considered as one loss and/or condition . Such incidents being defined as:
	An accident or event involving your pet.
	 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 ongoing predisposition or susceptibility, or injury related in any way to the original claim; or
	 Incidents which are incurable and likely to continue for the remainder of your pet's life.
Injury/injuries	Physical damage or trauma caused immediately by a sudden, unforeseen accident and external force. Not any physical damage or trauma that happens over a period of time and cannot have been caused by an illness.
Injury within the First 48 Hours:	Any injury that:
	 happened or first showed clinical signs; or,
	 is caused by, relates to, or results from, an injury 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 injury or clinical signs appear, are noticed, or happen in, or on, your pet's body.
	Please also refer to your Certificate of Insurance for details of any endorsements that apply to your policy.
Journey(s)	Travel from your home to any of the agreed countries for a maximum of 30 days per trip, up to 60 days for all journeys in the policy term . This includes the duration of your holiday or business trip and any travel in and between agreed countries and return journeys to your home .
Loss of Pet Reimbursement	The price generally paid for a pet of the same age, breed, sex and breeding ability at the point of loss, according to our data.
Maximum benefit(s)	The most we will pay during the policy term as shown on the Certificate of Insurance for each section of cover.
Payment(s)	The insurance premium you pay, either annually or monthly, to insure your pet .



Defined Word	Meaning
Pet Travel Scheme (PETS)	A European Union scheme that consists of 3 levels: Part 1, Part 2 & Unlisted. The scheme allows you to travel with your pet to specified countries and re-enter the United Kingdom without the need for your pet to go into quarantine, provided you comply with the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) status of the country where you and your pet live before traveling and that of the country that you are visiting. Northern Ireland – Part 1 status. England, Scotland and Wales – Part 2 status.
Physiotherapist	A member of the following organisations and specified on our list of approved specialists: Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Animal Therapy. International Association of Animal Therapists (UK). National Association of Veterinary Physiotherapists.
Policy term	The 12-month period of cover; from when the policy either starts or renews, as shown on your Certificate of Insurance .
Pre-existing condition(s)	 An injury, illness, disease, clinical sign, condition or behavioural illness that: Happened or first showed the clinical signs before your pet's cover started, or Is the same as, or has the same diagnosis or clinical signs as an injury, illness, clinical sign, bilateral condition or behavioural illness your pet had before it's cover started, or Is caused by, relates to, or results from, an injury, illness, clinical sign, condition or behavioural illness your pet had before your pet's cover started, or Is known to have occurred and/or has been observed by you before your pet's cover started, no matter where it occurred or was noticed in, or on, your pet's body. This is in addition to any exclusion(s) stated on your Certificate of Insurance.
Prevent/ Preventative	 You must take any actions that: Prevents an injury or illness from occurring, and/or Reduce the risk of an accident or incident happening, and/or Has been recommended by a vet to help prevent or reduce the risk of injury, illness or loss.
Start Date	The date stated in your Certificate of Insurance.
Treat/ Treatment	Any examination, consultation, advice, tests, x-rays, medication, surgery, hospitalisation, nursing and care provided by either a veterinary practice or vet recommended complementary therapist .
Treatment date	The date that your pet received treatment for the illness , injury or clinical sign being claimed.
United Kingdom (UK)	Consists of England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.



Defined Word	Meaning	
Vet(s)	Within the United Kingdom – a veterinary surgeon who is registered with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS).	
	Outside of the United Kingdom – a fully qualified veterinary practitioner registered in the country where your pet is receiving treatment and covered by the European Union's Pet Travel Scheme or is part of the Common Travel Area .	
Veterinary fees	The cost or expense of any treatment or amount vets in general or referral practices usually charge.	
Veterinary Treatment	 The cost of the following when required to treat an illness, injury, clinical sign or behavioural illness: Any examination, consultation, advice, test, x-ray, surgery and nursing carried out by a vet, a veterinary nurse or another member of the veterinary practice under the supervision of a vet, and Any medication legally prescribed by a vet. This includes physiotherapy (not including hydrotherapy) carried out by a veterinary practice or a physiotherapist and treatment of a behavioural illness carried out by a veterinary practice or a behaviourist. 	
We, us, our	Covea Insurance plc who is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority number 202277.	
You, your	The person (policyholder) named on the Certificate of Insurance .	
Your pet/pet's	Means the dog or cat named on the Certificate of Insurance which you are the owner of.	

Table of Benefits

The table below provides the maximum benefit that we will pay for claims received in a policy term.

Overall Cover Limit	Lifetime 2000	Lifetime 3000	Lifetime 4000	Lifetime 6000	Lifetime 10000
Excess	Up to £199	Up to £199	Up to £199	Up to £199	Up to £199
Veterinary Fees	£2,000	£3,000	£4,000	£6,000	£10,000
 Including Complementary Treatment 	£500	£500	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
 Including Dental Treatment 	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
Death from injury	£500	£500	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
Death from illness	£500 Up to age 8	£500 Up to age 8	£1,000 Up to age 8	£1,000 Up to age 8	£1,000 Up to age 8
Third Party Liability (applies to Dogs Only)	£1m	£1m	£1m	£1m	£1m
Excess (For Third Party Liability)	£250	£250	£250	£250	£250

How do I Claim

To make a claim (except for Third Party Liability) just follow the steps below:

Step 1 - Request a Claims Form

You can:

Download a claim form from **our** website at: www.lifetimepetcover.co.uk/make-a-claim



Or

Email us at: claims@petadminteam.com



Call us on: 0330 024 2493

Please note: We cannot start, process or accept a claim over the phone.

Step 2 - Send us your Claim Form

You can:



Email us at: claims@petadminteam.com



Write to us at:

Confirmation from your vet that your pet has deceased, or

If your pet is a pedigree, the original pedigree certificate.

A signed and dated witness statement from someone outside of

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What information do I need?

For more information on the documentation we need for each type of claim you may send to us , please refer to the below table		
Claim Type	Documentation we need	
Veterinary Fees	 Fully completed claim form. Your pet's full medical history. Itemised invoices. Referral report (if applicable). Please note: If you are claiming for treatment in agreed countries, we also need a booking invoice or official documentation to show the dates of your journey. For continuation claims, you will need to submit a continuation claims form, your pet's full medical history (each time), itemised invoices, and referral reports (if applicable). 	
Complementary Treatment	 Fully completed claim form. Your pet's full medical history. Itemised invoices. Referral report (if applicable). 	
Death from injury or illness	 Fully completed claim form. Proof of purchase for your pet. Proof of death, either: — The death certificate from your vet, or 	



Your pet's full medical history.

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How do I Claim

Claim considerations

In the event that a claim form is incomplete, this may be returned back to **you**. Also, if further claim documentation is required to both assess and process **your** claim, this may inevitably cause delays.

We will not pay for the costs of providing any of the above information, including any administration fees for completing a claim form.

We will not pay any costs associated with a professional completing a claim form, postage and packaging, courier fees or other administration work.

We request that you send any claim form to us as soon as possible.

Paying a claim to your vet

If we agree to pay a claim directly to your vet and if the vet, who has provided treatment to your pet or is about to treat your pet, asks for information about your insurance that relates to a claim, we will tell the vet:

- · What the insurance covers,
- What we will pay and how this will be calculated,
- What we will not pay, and
- If your payments are paid up to date.

If we receive a request to pay a claim directly to a veterinary practice, we reserve the right to decline this request.

How do I claim for Third Party Liability? (Dogs Only)

To make a claim under Third Party Liability, please contact **us** by:

Phone: 0330 024 2266 Option 1 New Claim followed by Option 2

(Opening times: Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm)

Email: liability.claims@coveainsurance.co.uk

Write: Liability Claims, Covea Insurance plc, A+B Mills, Dean Clough, Halifax HX3 5AX

Considerations for Third Party Liability

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You must not admit or accept liability, negotiate or make a payment or promise of payment to any person without our written consent. Do not respond to any letters from people who are looking to claim against you or people acting on their behalf, you should forward them unanswered to us.

Contract of Insurance

Your policy is the contract of insurance between you and us.

The following documents form the contract of insurance. Please read them and keep them safe;

- The Policy Terms and Conditions.
- The Certificate of Insurance.
- Any changes to this insurance policy contained in notices issued by us at renewal.

In return for **you** paying for **your** policy, **we** will provide the cover shown on **your Certificate of Insurance**, subject to these Policy Terms and Conditions and notices issued at renewal.

Please refer to **your Certificate of Insurance** to confirm which sections of cover apply to **your pet**.

Please read 'General Conditions Which Apply To the Whole Policy' and 'General Exclusions Which Apply To the Whole Policy'.

What do you need to make us aware of?

You must take reasonable care to provide complete and accurate answers to the questions we ask, when you take out, make changes to, and renew your policy. Please read any assumptions carefully and confirm if they apply to you, your pet or your circumstances.

Please tell Lifetime Pet Cover immediately if any of the information provided by **you** changes after **you** purchase **your** policy, or if there are any changes to the information set out in **your Certificate of Insurance** at **your** renewal. **You** must also tell Lifetime Pet Cover immediately if any of the following happen:

- You change address.
- You change your bank details.
- Your pet is 8 years old or older for dogs and 10 years old or older for cats at the start date of your policy.
- You and your pet do not live at the home address we hold, for at least 10 months of the policy term.
- You are going to be living outside the UK, for more than 2 months of the policy term or you move abroad permanently.
- Your pet is used for security, guarding, breeding (where your pet has had more than one litter), track racing, coursing or for any business, trade or profession.
- Your pet is neutered or spayed.

- You find out new information about your pet that was
 not previously made available to you at the start of your
 policy. For example, but not limited to, a DNA test which
 confirms your pet's breed is different to what is detailed
 on your Certificate of Insurance.
- Your pet is microchipped.
- You sell your pet or transfer ownership of your pet to another person.
- Your pet is diagnosed with a behavioural illness
 or, if your pet is a dog, there are any changes in
 their behaviour. For example (but not limited to) any
 aggressive tendencies or aggressive behaviour shown,
 any incidents where your dog has caused injury to a
 person or another animal, or any health conditions which
 may affect how your dog behaves.
- Your pet passes away.

If you have any doubts, please contact Lifetime Pet Cover who will be happy to help.

What happens with this information?

When Lifetime Pet Cover is notified of a change, **they** will tell **you** if this affects **your** insurance. For example, if **we** are able to accept the change and/or if the change results in:

- 1. Revised terms being applied to your policy, and/or
- 2. The price **you** need to pay for **your** policy.

What happens if I don't make you aware of these changes?

If you do not inform us about a change, it can affect any claim you make, or the cover we provide you.

If the information provided by **you** is not complete and accurate, **we** can;

- Revise the price you need to pay for your policy; and/or
- Cancel your policy; and/or
- Refuse to pay a claim; and/or
- Apply the correct terms/excess/price of the policy; and/or
- Exclude cover for a pre-existing condition or Third Party Liability.

What happens at renewal?

The benefits of this policy are reinstated each **policy term**, subject to renewal being invited and **you** paying for **your** policy, which confirms **your** acceptance of the terms offered.



Contract of Insurance

It is important to note that these Policy Terms and Conditions can change over time. The price **you** pay considers factors such as **your pet's** age, claims history and **our** view of the future costs of providing cover.

The cost of cover can change at each renewal we will recalculate the cost of cover and contact you with a quote. There are a number of factors that can impact your renewal, including the age of your pet and the increasing cost of veterinary treatment. We may also consider the amount claimed and the likelihood a condition will be ongoing when calculating your renewal. This will mean that the premium you pay will increase at renewal.

If you find you are in financial difficulties during the policy term, please do contact Lifetime Pet Cover so that we can see how we can help you and your pet.

Each year, an annual review of **your** policy will be completed, based on the information **we** hold for both **you** and **your pet**. The renewal invitation is offered using the information held at the time it was issued. **We** can revise or withdraw renewal terms offered if new information is brought to **our** attention, even after **your** renewal invitation has been issued.

What changes can be made at the renewal of your policy?

At renewal, we can change:

- The price you pay, also known as the premium, and/or
- Excesses that you pay, and/or
- Policy Terms and Conditions, or
- Decline to offer a renewal invitation for the next policy term.

For dogs, if there has been a change in their behaviour, **we** have the right to:

- Limit or remove cover for Third Party Liability,
- Cancel your policy, and/or
- Advise we are unable to offer renewal terms.

For example (but not limited to): any **aggressive tendencies** and/or **aggressive behaviour** shown, any **incidents** where **your** dog has caused **injury** to a person or another animal, or any health **conditions** which could affect how **your** dog behaves.

Lifetime Pet Cover will always tell **you** before **your** renewal date of any changes, so **you** can consider if **your** policy still meets **your** needs or seek alternative cover elsewhere.

At renewal **you** can change the level of cover that **you** have for **your pet**, but this can only be changed to a lower level of cover. Once the cover level has changed this can't be changed back to any higher level of cover available.

Cancelling this policy

Your right to cancel

You have a statutory right to cancel **your** policy within 14 days from:

- The day you bought the policy, or
- The day your policy renews, or
- The day on which you receive your policy or renewal documentation, if these are received after the date you buy or renew, following a renewal invite.

If you cancel during the first 14 days of your policy term you will receive a full refund of any price you have paid and your policy will be deemed to have been cancelled from the start date and you will not be entitled to make any claim.

After the first 14 days of **your policy term**, **you** can still cancel **your** policy at any time. There will be no refund and **we** will require **you** to pay the remaining price of **your** pet insurance (if paid monthly) if a claim has been paid during the **policy term**.

If no claim has been paid during the **policy term** and **you** have paid the full price, a pro-rata refund will be made to **you** for the time **your pet** will not be covered.

All cover for **your pet** will immediately stop with effect from the cancellation date and no further assistance will be provided by **us** towards any further claims for **your pet**.

As cancelling **your** policy will end the cover provided for **your pet**, **you** should be certain that the **pet** insurance is no longer needed.

If you find you are in financial difficulties during the policy term, please do contact Lifetime Pet Cover so that we can see how we can help you and your pet.

To notify **us** of a cancellation, please contact Lifetime Pet Cover on 020 3750 0022, email hello@lifetimecover.co.uk or write to Lifetime Pet Cover at the following address:

Lifetime Pet Cover The Old Dairy Western Court Bishops Sutton SO24 0AA



Contract of Insurance

If you don't notify Lifetime Pet Cover that you want to cancel, your policy will remain in force, and you will be required to pay for the time on cover.

Our right to cancel

Your policy will be cancelled when there is a valid reason for doing so, by giving **you** at least 7 days' written notice issued by Lifetime Pet Cover to **your** last known postal and/or e-mail address setting out the reason for cancellation.

Valid reasons include but are not limited to the following:

- Non-payment of your policy, including non-payment of monthly instalments. (Refer to 'Payment of premiums' on page 3 for more details).
- Where we reasonably suspect fraud.
- Where you have not taken reasonable care to provide complete and accurate answers to the questions we ask.

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

Complaints

Our promise of service

We aim to provide excellent service to all our customers, but we realise that things can go wrong occasionally. We take all complaints seriously and our goal is to resolve matters promptly. To ensure we provide the kind of service you expect, we continue to welcome your feedback. We will record and analyse your comments, to make sure we continually improve the services we offer.

What will happen if you complain?

Most customers' concerns can be resolved quickly but occasionally more detailed enquiries are needed. If this is likely, we will acknowledge your complaint keep you updated of its progress. We aim to reply to you within 8 weeks after we have received your complaint. If we can't reply by then, we will write to you and let you know when we can.

What to do if you are unhappy

If **you** are unhappy with any aspect of the handling of **your** policy **we** would encourage **you** to contact **us** or Lifetime Pet Cover.

You can;

Call Lifetime Pet Cover on 020 3750 0022, or

Write to:

Lifetime Pet Cover The Old Dairy Western Court Bishops Sutton SO24 0AA

Or Email: complaints@lifetimepetcover.co.uk

If **you** are unhappy about a claim or the terms & conditions of the policy:

Call us on 0330 024 2493 or

Write to:

Lifetime Pet Cover FREEPOST PETADMIN

Email: claims@petadminteam.com

What to do if you are still not satisfied

If you are still not satisfied with the response from us or Lifetime Pet Cover, then you may be able to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

You must approach the Financial Ombudsman Service within six months of the final response to your complaint or, you can contact them after 8 weeks if you have not received a final response from us or Lifetime Pet Cover at:

The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR

Call: 0800 023 4567 (free from **UK** mobiles and landlines) or 0300 123 9123.

Or simply log on to their website at www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Whilst **we** are bound by the decision of the Financial Ombudsman Service, **you** are not. Following the complaints procedure does not affect **your** right to take legal action.

Telephone recording and call charges

Calls to 01- and 03- prefixed numbers are charged at national call rates (charges may vary dependent on **your** network provider) and are usually included in inclusive minute plans from landlines and mobiles.

Telephone calls may be recorded and/or monitored.

General Conditions which apply to the whole Policy

The following conditions apply to the whole policy in addition to the conditions specified under each relevant section of cover.

You must comply with the conditions listed below to have the full protection of **your** policy. If **you** do not comply with them, **we** can take one or more of the following actions:

- cancel your policy,
- declare your policy void (treating your policy as if it had never existed),
- change your Policy Terms and Conditions and/or the price you pay for your policy,
- refuse to pay all or part of any relevant treatment and/or claim, and/or
- reduce the amount of any relevant treatment and/or claim amount paid.

Independent veterinary professional

1. If you do not agree with a decision we have made, you can request that we appoint an agreed independent vet or qualified veterinary professional for their opinion. If you ask for this, you agree to accept the independent opinion. You would be responsible for any cost or expense relating to this. However, if we decide to appoint an independent vet or qualified veterinary professional for their opinion, we would be responsible for any cost or expense relating to this.

How claims may be affected at renewal

- If treatment for any condition is ongoing at the renewal date, cover for that condition will continue into the new policy term providing:
 - (i) We invite renewal terms,
 - (ii) You renew the policy,
 - You continue to pay for the policy when payments are due, and
 - (iv) The condition is covered by the Policy Terms and Conditions.
 - (v) If the date of the treatment is in the new policy term you will need to pay the fixed excess and percentage excess (if it applies) before we pay for any claim for the ongoing treatment.

If you choose not to renew or we do not invite you to renew your pet's policy, all cover and benefits will stop on the date your policy ends and no claim(s) will be paid after this date.

Preventative care and following veterinary advice

- Throughout the policy term you must take all reasonable steps to maintain your pet's health and to prevent injury, illness, accident and loss.
- You must reduce the risk of any injury, illness or clinical sign by ensuring you follow any actions recommended by a vet.
- You must ensure your pet maintains a healthy weight and follow your vet's advice/guidance that they may offer regarding your pet's weight when instructed.
- You must arrange and pay for your pet to have a yearly dental examination and any treatment normally recommended by a vet.
- 7. You must ensure that following a dental examination, any treatment recommended is carried out within 3 months of the examination taking place, unless your vet can provide medical evidence as to why this did not happen.
- 8. You must keep your pet vaccinated against the following:
 - (a) Dogs Distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parainfluenza and parvovirus.
 - (b) Cats Feline infectious enteritis, feline leukaemia and cat flu.

If you do not keep your pet vaccinated, we will not pay any claims that result from any of the above illnesses, unless your vet has advised otherwise; however, this would need to be evidenced within your pet's veterinary history. Homeopathic vaccines are not acceptable and cannot be considered under any circumstance.

- Your pet must not be used in any connection with any business, trade or profession. This includes taking your pet to work with you or a place of work.
- 10. 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 engraved or written on it, or engraved on a tag. Your telephone number is optional but advisable.
- You must always take reasonable steps to prevent injury to your pet and prevent your pet contracting an illness or disease.
- You must take reasonable steps to prevent your pet causing bodily injury or disease and minimise the potential for any such claim under your Policy.



General Conditions which apply to the whole Policy

13. You must take reasonable steps to prevent your pet causing damage to property and to minimise the potential for any such claim under your Policy.

Seeking veterinary treatment/advice

14. You must arrange for a vet to examine and treat your pet as soon as possible, after you observe the clinical signs of an injury or an illness, and follow any advice they give. If you do not follow the vet's advice, we will not pay for any claims relating to this.

Awareness of pre-existing conditions

- 15. If you become aware that your pet suffers from a pre-existing condition that you were not aware of at the start of your pet's cover, you must make this information available to us, to allow us to assess if cover should have been made available in the first place and/or for us to make you aware that the pre-existing condition cannot be covered, as per the Policy Terms and Conditions.
- Pre-existing conditions are excluded from your pet's
 policy and cannot be claimed for, regardless of when
 you become aware of your pet's full veterinary history.
- 17. We are not liable to pay any claims including Third Party Liability caused by your pet straying, escaping, damaging property, attacking the general public or other animals not owned by you, if your pet has previously carried out any of these actions.

You and your pet's location

- You and your pet must permanently live together in the UK for more than 10 months of the policy term.
- You must be the registered owner and keeper of your pet.

Providing requested information

- 20. For us to be able to assess your claim, we reserve the right to request additional relevant information or records from your current or any other vet that has provided treatment to your pet. We will only ask for information which is relevant to the details and circumstances of the claim and previous medical history. If the vet charges you for this information you will have to pay for this.
- 21. You agree that any vet has your permission to release any information we ask for about your pet. If the vet makes a charge for this, you must pay the charge.

- When you claim, you agree to give us any information we may reasonably ask for in support of your claim.
- 23. If there is a discrepancy regarding information provided to us by you or your vet, we will need you to help us obtain the correct information to ensure the cover we are providing is based on the correct terms. If you incur charges for this information you will have to pay for this.
- 24. You agree to pay for the costs of a DNA test if we believe the information we hold about your pet's breed may be incorrect and you cannot provide evidence of their breed, e.g. breeding or adoption papers. If we ask you to conduct a DNA test, you will need to provide us with the results, and we will then take the necessary action. If you do not carry out the DNA test when requested, your cover will be cancelled with immediate effect; either to the start of your policy or the most recent renewal date.
- 25. If you have any legal rights against another person in relation to your claim, we may take legal action against them in your name at our expense. You must give us all the help you can and provide any documents we ask for.
- 26. **You** agree to pay translation costs for any claim documentation not written in English.

Other insurance policies

27. If there is any other insurance under which you are entitled to make a claim for your pet, you must report the incident to that insurance company. You must also tell us the name and address of the other insurance company and your policy number with them and any other information we may require.

The cost (or price) of your policy

28. Your pet is only covered if you pay for your policy. If you do not make payments when they are due and there is an outstanding balance, we reserve the right to deduct any unpaid amount owing to us, from any claim due to be paid.

Authorisation of claims

29. We cannot say that we will pay a claim over the phone. You must send us a fully completed claim form along with any associated documentation. When we have checked the claim against the terms and conditions of the policy and the information given to us by your vet(s), we will then notify you of our decision.



General Conditions which apply to the whole Policy

Travelling overseas

- 30. You can take your pet temporarily to countries that are included in the Pet Travel Scheme or are part of the Common Travel Area and return home without putting your pet into quarantine. The scheme is administered by Official Veterinarians (OVs) on behalf of DEFRA for England and the devolved administrations for Scotland and Wales and DAERA in Northern Ireland.
- 31. The cover provided, with the exception of Third-Party Liability, is extended to include any **journey** made by **you** with **your pet** to the **agreed countries**.

Transferring your interest in the policy

- 32. To keep your cover, you must be the owner of the pet. If you sell, or give away your pet to another person, including a member of your family, your cover will stop immediately.
- 33. If your pet is sold or given away, we will cancel the policy back to the date of the last monthly payment was made. If you pay in full, we will make a refund for the remaining time of the policy term that your pet will not be covered.
- 34. If a claim has been paid in the policy term, and you pay monthly we will ask for the remaining payments due to be paid. If you paid in full, no refund will be given.

False or fraudulent claims

- 35. If any claim made under this policy by you or anyone acting on behalf of you is fraudulent or intentionally exaggerated or if any false declaration or statement is made in support of the claim, all benefits under this policy shall be forfeited.
- 36. **We** will, at **our** discretion, end the policy from the date of claim, or alleged claim, or **we** will not pay the claim if:
 - the claim made to obtain benefit under this policy is fraudulent or intentionally exaggerated, or
 - false declarations or statements are made to support the claim.
- Under these circumstances, we have the right to keep the payment paid by you and to request the return of any amounts paid for the claim.

Subrogation

38. If you have any legal rights against any other party related to your claim, we have the right to take legal action against them in your name but at our expense. You must assist us by providing any documents that we might reasonably request.



General Exclusions which apply to the whole policy

The following exclusions apply to all sections of the policy, in addition to the exclusions, limitations and conditions specified under each relevant section of cover.

If any of the following exclusions are applicable to **you** or **your pet, we** will take one of the following actions:

- cancel your policy, and/or
- declare your policy void (treating your policy as if it had never existed), and/or
- change your Policy Terms and Conditions and/or the price you pay for your policy, and/or
- refuse to pay part of or all of any relevant treatment that you are claiming for, as it cannot be covered by this policy.

We will not provide cover for your pet under this policy in any circumstances if:

- Any pet less than 8 weeks or 8 years of age or older for dogs; or less than 8 weeks or 10 years of age or older for cats, at the start date of your policy. (Not applicable for renewed policies).
- Your dog is being used for security/guarding purposes or racing or coursing, regardless of whether it is for business or recreational purposes.
- Your pet is used for trade, professional or business purposes.
- 4. **Your pet** is used for breeding (more than one pregnancy would be classed as breeding).
- 5. Your pet is classed as or is crossed/mixed with an excluded breed(s).
- Your pet has displayed aggressive behaviour and/ or shown any adverse behavioural or aggressive tendencies which have been noted by you, the breeder, veterinary practice, rehoming organisation or any previous owner(s).
- Your pet is classed as or is mixed/crossed with any species which is not commonly domesticated or tamed in the UK and are usually living in a natural environment.
- Your dog is registered under the Dangerous Dogs
 Act 1991, the Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Act 1997,
 Dogs (Muzzling) regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991,
 Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 or any further amendments to this Act.
- Any dog that is a gun dog, working dog, Guide, Therapy or Assistance Dog.

 Any claim for a pet which lives or is kept in a place which is licensed to sell alcohol.

Injuries, illnesses, clinical signs and conditions which are permanently excluded

- 11. Any amount or expense resulting from a pre-existing condition where, before the start of your pet's policy, in our reasonable opinion:
 - (a) You were aware, and/or
 - (b) Should have been aware, and/or
 - (c) Have been made aware
 - of this by a rehoming organisation or any previous owner(s) and/or have been given access to **your pet's** previous veterinary history.
- 12. **Veterinary treatment**, costs or expenses arising from **preventative** and **elective treatment or diagnostics**, routine examinations, vaccinations, spaying, castration, pregnancy or giving birth,
- Any costs arising from routine blood and urine tests (including those performed routinely prior to general anaesthesia or sedation).
- 14. Any amount or expense resulting from an epidemic/ pandemic; this includes providing cover for any treatment costs or taking any remedial action to control, prevent or supress clinical signs or symptoms.
- 15. Treatment or costs that are associated with any injuries, illnesses, conditions, clinical signs or incidents which has been deliberately sustained or inflicted by you or a third party.
- 16. Any claim for distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis or parvovirus for a dog or feline enteritis, cat flu or feline leukaemia for a cat, unless you can prove that your pet has been vaccinated against these diseases as recommended by your vet.
- Any claim within the fourteen day exclusion period relating directly or indirectly to an illness or disease suffered by your pet.
- Any claim within the five day exclusion period relating directly or indirectly to an injury or accident suffered by your pet.
- Any amount if your pet's injury or illness occurred whilst in the care of a Boarding Kennel, Dog Walker, Dog Day Care Facility or a Dog Groomers, which you were paying for their services.
- Any claim involving you or anyone on your behalf using fraudulent means to obtain any of the benefit offered under your Policy.



General Exclusions which apply to the whole policy

21. Any treatment or complementary medicine for any cruciate ligament in the first 30 days however caused, or any arthritis or any other illness or injury that develops from them.

Laws and regulations that apply to all sections of what your policy does not cover

- 22. Any amount or expense if **you** break the **UK** laws or regulations, including those relating to animal health or importation.
- 23. Any amount or expense resulting from your pet being either confiscated or destroyed by government or public authorities or under the Animals Act 1971 United Kingdom because it was worrying livestock. This includes any further amendments to this Act.
- 24. Any amount or expense resulting from the Official Veterinarians placing restrictions on **your pet**.
- Legal expenses, fines and penalties connected with or resulting from a Criminal Court Case or an Act of Parliament.
- 26. Any amount or expense resulting from a disease transmitted from animals to humans.

General costs and expenses

- Any amount or expense you recover from any other insurance or amounts that can be recovered from anywhere else.
- Any amount or expense not supported with receipts or any other proof requested by us.

The following exclusions only apply when your pet is on a journey in an agreed country:

- 29. Any amount or expense if **you** do not follow the conditions of the **Pet Travel Scheme (PETS)** or rules and regulations in the **common travel area**.
- 30. Any **journey you** take **your pet** on against a **vet**'s advice.
- 31. Any animal less than 12 weeks old.
- 32. Any amount or expense resulting from any foreign government or public authority placing restrictions on your pet.
- 33. The Sterling equivalent of the excess as shown in your certificate of insurance.
- The Sterling equivalent of the percentage excess, if applicable, as shown on your certificate of insurance.
- The excess and percentage excess are applied to each specifically identifiable condition or accident claimed for.

- Fees or costs which would not be covered under Section
 Vet fees exclusions part of your Policy.
- Vet fees or other treatment costs if your pet resides overseas for more than two months consecutively or cumulatively during any one policy term.
- 38. We will not pay claims for any loss or damage or cost or expenses whether directly or indirectly caused by or resulting from terrorism or any action taken in controlling, preventing or suppressing any acts of terrorism. This exclusion applies to any event or occurrence that happens through or because of terrorism.
- 39. For the purpose of this exclusion 'terrorism' means the use of biological, chemical and/or nuclear force or contamination and/or threat 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. However, losses caused by or resulting from riot, attending a strike, civil commotion and malicious damage are not excluded.
- 40. Claims arising from war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities or warlike operations (whether or not war is declared), civil war, rebellion, riot, revolution, insurrection, civil commotion that escalates to or constitutes an uprising, military or usurped power, will not be covered.

This insurance provides cover set out in the sections below.

Section 1A - Veterinary fees

Cover under this section applies in the **UK** and **agreed countries** only.

What we will pay

The cost of veterinary fees for the veterinary treatment your pet has received during the policy term to treat an illness or injury up to the maximum benefit as detailed on your Certificate of Insurance.

Cover for any ongoing **incident** will continue into a new **policy term**, providing **we** invite renewal and **you** accept, and **you** continue to pay for the policy when **payments** are due.

Cover under this section includes the following, which form part of the **maximum benefit** 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 treatment, which your
 vet recommends up to the limit shown on your
 Certificate of Insurance. 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 6 months from the start of the
 recommended treatment of a behavioural illness.
- Treatment for cruciate ligament disorders.
- Dental treatment as a direct result of an accident or illness up to the limit as shown on your Certificate of Insurance.
- CT/MRI scans and associated costs up to the limit as shown on your Certificate of Insurance.
- Prescription diet food required to dissolve urinary crystals is covered up to the limits on your
 Certificate of Insurance.
- The cost of euthanasia in the case of humane destruction to alleviate incurable and inhumane suffering up to the limit shown on Certificate of Insurance.

Section 1B - Complementary Treatment

Cover under this section applies in the UK only.

What we will pay

If recommended by the vet, the cost of complementary treatment your pet has received during the policy term to treat an illness or injury up to the maximum benefit as detailed on your Certificate of Insurance.

Cover for any ongoing **incident** will continue into a new **policy term**, providing **you** renew **your** policy, and **you** continue to pay for the policy when **payments** are due.

What you pay for Section 1A and Section 1B

The excesses payable are shown on your Certificate of Insurance.

You will have to pay a fixed excess in each policy term for each unrelated condition before we make any payment to you or your vet. If the claim continues into a new policy term, then you will pay another fixed excess as the treatment date is in the next policy term.

For veterinary fees and complementary treatment, if your pet is between 4 and 6 years old, you will also need to pay a 15% excess towards each claim, if your pet is aged between 7 and 11, you will need to pay 25%, if your pet is 12 years old or older, you will need to pay 30%. The percentage excess is calculated after your fixed excess has been deducted and is known as a co-insurance payment.

If a claim continues into a new **policy term**, then **you** will pay another fixed **excess** (and percentage **excess** if payable) if the **treatment date** is in the next **policy term**.



This insurance provides cover set out in the sections below.

Where a claim is made for **veterinary treatment** and **complementary treatment** for the same **condition**, then two fixed **excess** amounts will be deducted. The percentage **excess** (if it applies) will also have to be paid for both **treatments**.

What we will not pay for Section 1A and Section 1B

- More than the maximum benefit for the combined treatment costs of all incidents, illnesses and injuries in the policy term.
- 2. Any treatment or complementary treatment for a preexisting condition.
- 3. Any treatment for pre-existing conditions.
- 4. Any treatment or complementary treatment for an illness which starts in the first 14 days of cover and the cost of any treatment as a result of an Injury within the first 48 hours. Any treatment or complementary medicine for any cruciate ligament in the first 30 days however caused, or any arthritis or any other illness or injury that develops from them.
- 5. Any **injury** that has not been caused by an **accident**.
- 6. Any **treatment** for a **bilateral condition** if it is, or is related to, a **pre-existing condition**.
- Any treatment to prevent injury, illness or behavioural illness.
- 8. Any **elective treatment**, **complementary treatment** or diagnostics, including any complications that arise.
- 9. Costs charged by your vet to:
 - write a prescription, or
 - administer a claim form.
- 10. Any treatment, complementary treatment or diagnostics that has been duplicated and/or carried out by a vet and/or complementary therapist and where you have chosen to take your pet to another veterinary practice for a second opinion.
- The cost of killing or controlling any internal or external parasites, including fleas, ticks and worms.
- Any treatment or complementary treatment in connection with breeding, pregnancy or giving birth.
- 13. Any treatment or complementary treatment for any injury, illness or clinical sign that is as a result of your pet being significantly overweight or obese, unless the obesity/weight gain is as a result of an underlying illness or disease.

- 14. Any food (including food prescribed by a vet and/or complementary therapist) unless it is:
 - Used to dissolve existing bladder stones and crystals in urine, which is limited to a maximum of 40% of the cost of food for up to 6 months. The cost of this food is only covered for the first occurrence of bladder stones and crystals; we will not pay for the cost of this food if the bladder stones or crystals recur.
 - Liquid food, used for up to 5 days while your pet is hospitalised at a veterinary practice, providing the vet and/or complementary therapist confirms the use of the liquid food is essential to keep your pet alive.
- 15. Any pheromone products, including DAP diffusers including Adaptil™ and Feliway® products, unless used as part of a structured behaviour modification programme, and then limited to a maximum period of 6 months. If the behavioural illness recurs after these 6 months, we will not cover the cost of any further pheromone products for that behavioural illness.
- Any treatment for gastro-intestinal foreign bodies where your pet has had more than 2 separate incidents of gastro-intestinal foreign bodies before your pet's policy started.
- 17. Any treatment for gastro-intestinal foreign bodies if your pet is a known scavenger or suffers from a behavioural illness and you have not taken the necessary steps to prevent further incidents from happening.
- 18. The cost of any medication which is more than three times higher than the average cost for the same medication if purchased online.
- The cost of more than 10 sessions of hydrotherapy for each illness or injury.
- Any vaccinations unless treatment is needed for any complications that arise from administering the vaccination.
- 21. The cost of spaying (including spaying following a false pregnancy) or castration unless the procedure is carried out when your pet is suffering from an illness or injury and is essential to treat the illness or injury.
- 22. Any treatment or complementary treatment in connection with a retained testicle(s) if your pet was over the age of 16 weeks when cover started.
- 23. Any treatment or complementary treatment for an umbilical hernia and/or any complications associated with an umbilical hernia.
- 24. Any **treatment** or **complementary treatment** in connection with false pregnancy.



This insurance provides cover set out in the sections below.

- Any treatment for any injury, illness or behavioural illness deliberately caused by you or anyone living with you or, while on your journey or anyone travelling with you.
- The costs of having your pet cremated, buried or disposed of.
- 27. The cost of a house call unless the vet and/or complementary therapist and/or physiotherapist confirms that moving your pet would further damage its health, regardless of your personal circumstances.
- 28. 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.
- 29. Extra costs for providing treatment to your pet outside usual surgery hours, unless the vet, complementary therapist, physiotherapist or behaviourist confirms an emergency consultation is essential, regardless of your personal circumstances.
- 30. Any hospitalisation costs and any associated veterinary treatment or complementary treatment, unless the vet, complementary therapist or physiotherapist confirms your pet must be hospitalised for essential veterinary treatment, regardless of your personal circumstances.
- Costs resulting from an injury or illness specified as excluded on your Certificate of Insurance or generally not covered within these Policy Terms and Conditions.
- 32. Any surgical items that can be used more than once.
- 33. Buying or hiring equipment or machinery or any form of housing, including cages.
- 34. The cost of bathing, grooming or de-matting **your pet** unless:
 - You have taken all reasonable steps to maintain your pet's health, and
 - A vet confirms veterinary expertise is needed and therefore only a vet or a member of a veterinary practice can carry out these activities, regardless of your personal circumstances.
- 35. Any dental **treatment** unless **your pet** had a dental examination carried out by a **vet** in the 12 months before the **clinical signs** of the **injury** were first noted and **you** provide evidence of the dental examination.
- 36. The cost of a post-mortem examination.
- 37. Any **treatment** or **complementary treatment** whilst on a **journey**, if:
 - A vet and/or complementary therapist believes the treatment can be delayed until your pet returns home, or

- The **journey** was made to get **treatment** abroad.
- 38. The cost of transplant surgery, including any preoperative and post-operative **treatment**.
- 39. Any treatment or complementary treatment in connection with fly strike.
- 40. The cost of prosthodontics, orthodontic appliances, crowns, caps or splints, or veneers.
- 41. The cost of behavioural therapy unless the **behavioural illness** is caused as a direct result of an insured **condition** occurring during the **policy term**.
- 42. The cost of any **complementary treatment** carried out by a **complementary therapist** that is not a member of one of the agreed associations or does not carry one of the agreed qualifications listed in **complementary therapist** definition.
- 43. The cost of any **complementary treatment** that is not listed as one of the agreed **treatments** as defined under **complementary treatment**.
- 44. Any cost relating to orthodontics, malocclusion, wry bite, supernumerary teeth, reverse scissor bite, posterior cross bite, anterior cross bite, overbite, brachygnathia, open bite or level bite.
- 45. Any of the following procedures;
 - experimental treatments, or therapies,
 - prosthetics or any type of prosthesis or orthopaedic supports or artificial body parts or braces,
 - open heart surgeries,
 - cancer vaccinations,
 - therapeutic antibody for dog and cat cancers,
 - stem cell therapy,
 - organ transplants,
 - gene therapies,
 - · probiotics,
 - dental vaccines,
 - cold laser treatments,
 - 3D printing
 - any drugs not used in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations or not licensed by Veterinary Medicines Regulations (VMR) and are not prescribed under the veterinary prescribing cascade used by all vets this does not include medication or treatments which that are being trialled or are experimental in nature or herbal medicines that aren't licensed for animals or humans in the UK.



This insurance provides cover set out in the sections below.

- 46. The cost of any treatment or complementary treatment that has been provided, administered or will be administered to your pet after your policy has cancelled or expired.
- 47. Any **treatment** for a **behavioural illness** that is not carried out by a **behaviourist**.

Special conditions that apply to Section 1A -Veterinary fees and Section 1B - Complementary Treatment

How the maximum benefit is applied during policy term

- The amount we will pay for the cost of treatment or complementary treatment is the maximum benefit that applies on the treatment date.
- If the claim includes medication, these costs will be subject to the maximum benefit that applies on the treatment date the medication will be used.

Treatment prescribed or carried out after the policy is cancelled or expired

 If the treatment has a treatment date that occurs after your policy has been cancelled or expired, it will not be covered, as the treatment was not provided within the policy term.

Excessive veterinary fee charges

4. If the veterinary fees or the fees charged for complementary treatment are higher than the fees usually charged by a general or referral practice, we reserve the right to request a second opinion from a vet that we choose. If the vet we choose does not agree with the veterinary fees charged we may decide to pay only the veterinary fees usually charged by a general or referral practice in a similar area.

Excessive veterinary treatment

5. If we consider the veterinary treatment or complementary treatment your pet receives may not be required or may be excessive when compared with the treatment that is normally recommended to treat the same illness or injury by general or referral practices, we reserve the right to request a second opinion from a vet that we choose. If the vet we choose does not agree with the veterinary treatment or complementary treatment provided, we may decide to pay only the cost of the veterinary treatment or complementary treatment that was necessary to treat the injury or illness, as advised by the vet from whom we have requested the second opinion.

Request to change the treating veterinary practice

- 6. We may refer your pet's veterinary history to another vet in your local area that we choose and pay for. If we request that you do so, you must arrange for your pet to be examined by this vet.
- 7. If you decide to take your pet to a different vet or complementary therapist for a second opinion because you are unhappy with the diagnosis or treatment provided, you must tell us before you arrange an appointment with the new vet or complementary therapist. If you do not, we will not pay any costs relating to the second opinion. If we request, you must use a vet or complementary therapist we choose. If we decide the diagnosis or treatment currently being provided is correct, we will not cover any costs relating to the second opinion.

Veterinary fee charges and discounts

- 8. It is your responsibility to ensure the veterinary practice or complementary therapist is paid within their requested time frame. If there is any additional charge(s) added to the claim due to late payment, we will deduct this from any claim due to be paid.
- 9. If the veterinary practice or complementary therapist provides a discount for paying the cost of treatment within a certain time frame, you must provide payment within this time frame. If you do not, we will only pay the discounted treatment costs when the claim is due to be paid.

Section 2 - Death from Injury or Illness

Cover under this section applies to cats and dogs in the **UK** only.

What we will pay

If your pet passes away or has to be put to sleep by a vet during the policy term as a result of an injury or illness, we will pay you up to the loss of pet reimbursement (subject to policy limits) or purchase price, whichever is less.

If you have no proof of purchase or you did not pay for your pet, we will only pay up to:

- £150 for the loss or **your** dog, or
- £100 for the loss of your cat, or
- The loss of pet reimbursement,

whichever is less.



This insurance provides cover set out in the sections below.

What we will not pay - specific to Death from Injury Only

- Any amount if your pet's death results from an injury within the first 48 hours (not applicable to renewals).
- 2. Any amount if the death is not as a result of an injury.
- 3. Any amount if the death is not as a result of an **injury** caused by an **accident**.
- 4. Any amount If the death results from an **injury** that happened before **your pet's** cover started.
- Any amount if the death results from an accident specified as excluded on your Certificate of Insurance or generally not covered within these Policy Terms and Conditions.
- Any amount unless the death results from an injury that your vet was unable to treat and your vet confirms it was not humane to keep your pet alive because it was suffering.
- Any amount if the main cause of death results from an illness or behavioural illness.

What we will not pay - specific to Death from Illness Only

- Any amount if your pet's death results from an illness which starts in the first 14 days of cover, (not applicable to renewals).
- Any amount if the death results from an illness for any pet aged 8 years or over.
- Any amount if the death results from an illness specified as excluded on your Certificate of Insurance or generally not covered within these Policy Terms and Conditions.
- Death due to illness that your pet should have been vaccinated against.
- Any amount unless the death results from an incurable illness and the vet confirms it was not humane to keep your pet alive because it was suffering.
- Any amount if the main cause of death results from an injury.
- Any death as a result of a behavioural illness or issue of your pet.

What we will not pay – Applicable to both Death from Injury or Illness

- 15. More than the maximum benefit.
- 16. Any amount if **your pet's** death results from a **pre- existing condition**.
- Any amount if the only evidence provided of your pet's death is from you or a family member.

- 18. Any amount if a **vet** has not seen **your pet** or confirmed that they evidenced **your pet's** death.
- 19. Any amount if **your pet** is put to sleep due to **aggressive tendencies** or **behaviours** or **behavioural illness** even if this is the course of action recommended by a **vet**.
- 20. Any amount if **your pet's** death occurred whilst in the care of a Boarding Kennel, Cattery, Dog Walker, Dog Day Care Facility or a Pet Groomer.
- 21. Any amount where **your pet's** loss could have been prevented by **you**, and there is evidence to confirm this.

What is not covered under this section of your Policy

- 22. Any treatment or complementary medicine for any cruciate ligament in the first 30 days however caused, or any arthritis or any other illness or injury that develops from them.
- 23. Any fees, charges or costs incurred if your pet was euthanised due to any law, regulation, order of the Privy Council, government department, public authority or similar entity, or any order related to a notifiable disease as defined by the Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs or the Animal and Plant Health Agency, or for any aggressive tendencies or behavioural problems.
- 24. Any fees or costs incurred, including death benefit, if your pet is euthanised due to aggressive tendencies or behavioural problems regardless if this is the course of action recommended by a vet.
- Any fees or costs incurred for euthanasia during or after a surgical operation or a general anaesthetic, unless a qualified vet certifies it was necessary because of injury or illness.
- Any fees or costs incurred if your pet was euthanised as a result of breeding, pregnancy or giving birth.
- Any fees or costs incurred if your pet was euthanised for financial reasons.
- 28. Any fees or costs incurred, including death benefit, for the death of your pet as a result of illness or injury if over the age specified on your certificate of insurance.
- Any fees or costs incurred if your pet dies from illness within the first 14 days or injury within the first 48 hours of your Policy.
- Any fees or costs incurred for the death of your pet or injury to or illness of your pet as a result of your pet undergoing organ transplants.



This insurance provides cover set out in the sections below.

Section 3 - Third Party Liability (Dogs only)

Cover under this section applies to dogs in the UK only.

IMPORTANT – Please note this section of **your** policy does not provide cover for any insured dog that is or is described as an **excluded breed**.

For the purposes of this section, the words insured dog means the dog that **you** have bought this cover in relation to and is named on **your Certificate of Insurance** and Statement of Fact.

What is covered under this section of your policy

- We will pay all sums you are legally liable for as compensation, costs and/or expenses awarded by a court in the UK following an incident involving your insured dog within the UK, which occurs during the policy term, results in bodily injury (fatal or nonfatal) to another person or accidental damage to another person's property.
- We will also, with our agreement, pay for legal costs and expenses incurred in defending the claim made against you.
- The most we will pay is up to the maximum benefit per incident for Third Party Liability.

What you pay

The fixed excess shown on your Certificate of Insurance.

What is not covered under this section of your policy

- 1. The fixed excess per incident.
- 2. Any amount if **your** dog is known as, identified as, crossed or mixed with any **excluded breeds**.
- Any claim if your dog has previously shown aggressive tendencies, aggressive behaviour or if it has ever acted aggressively towards another person or animal, or damaged another person's property.
- 4. Any amount if your dog has been diagnosed with or was known to suffer from a behavioural illness that causes your dog to show aggressive tendencies/aggressive behaviour and was present, diagnosed or noted before the start of your policy.
- Any amount for an incident which has resulted from your pets pre-existing condition.

- 6. Any amount where **you** are held legally liable solely because of a contract or agreement **you** have entered in to.
- Any amount arising as a result of any deliberate act, wilful default or neglect by you or members of your immediate family.
- 8. Any cost arising as a result of any person handling **your** dog without **your** consent.
- Any fines or penalties imposed on you from criminal proceedings including any amount a court requires you to pay to punish you or to try to stop the same circumstances that led to the incident happening again or because you have caused someone distress, embarrassment or humiliation.
- Any claim or other proceedings against you or your immediate family in a court of law outside the UK or where the incident which resulted in the claim occurred outside the UK.
- 11. The cost for any bodily injury to, or 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 you or members of your household, or who were looking after your insured dog with your permission.
- 12. The cost for damage to property or bodily injury (fatal or non-fatal) to any person who has contact with your insured dog for professional purposes, such as a vet, or any person employed in a veterinary practice, a dog walker or trainer, a dog-sitter or kennels employee or a person employed by or working in a grooming parlour.
- Any amount which is in any way connected to your, or your immediate family's work, employment or profession, or place of work.
- Any loss which occurs in a place which is licensed to sell alcohol if this is where your dog normally lives or is kept.
- 15. Any amount which is insured under another insurance policy, such as your household insurance policy, which covers the same loss unless that insurance cover has been exhausted.
- Any amount whilst your pet is competing in any type of competition, including but not limited to field trials, dog shows and/or breeders' competitions.
- 17. **We** are unable to provide cover for any dog which is used as an assistance, guide or therapy dog.
- 18. Regardless of how many of **your** dogs are involved within the same **incident**, the maximum indemnity payable will be limited to £1 million.



This insurance provides cover set out in the sections below.

 Any amount that results from your dog being used as part of a business or where you have been paid for your dog's assistance and/or service.

Your policy conditions for Third Party Liability

- It is a condition precedent to our liability that on the happening of any bodily injury or damage you or your legal personal representative shall at your own expense:
 - (a) give immediate notice to us
 - (b) take all reasonable precautions to prevent further bodily injury or damage
 - (c) within 30 days submit full details of the incident
 - (d) supply all information and assistance as may be required
 - send to us any writ summons or other legal process issued or commenced against you, immediately and unanswered
 - notify us immediately of any impending prosecution inquest or fatal accident inquiry.
- It is a condition precedent to our liability that you shall not negotiate admit or repudiate any liability without our written consent
- 3. We shall be entitled:
 - to negotiate defend or settle in the name of and on your behalf any claim made against you as we deem appropriate
 - to prosecute at our own expense and for our own benefit any claim for indemnity damages or otherwise in your name
 - (c) at any time to pay to you the Limit of Indemnity (after deduction of any amount or amounts already paid) or any lesser sum for which a claim or claims can be settled and upon such payment shall be under no further liability in respect of such claim or claims except for Costs and Expenses incurred prior to the date of such payment.



Legal

Data Privacy

Lifetime Pet Cover will be a data controller in respect of any data they process in relation to the administration and sale of the policy.

Full details of how they will process data and **your** data protection rights is available at www.lifetimepetcover.co.uk/privacy-policy.

We will be a data controller in respect of any data **we** process in relation to the underwriting and claims handling of the policy.

Full details of how **we** will process data and **your** data protection rights is available at: www.coveainsurance.co.uk/dataprotection.

You can contact **our** Data Protection Officer at Covea Insurance plc by email at: dataprotection@coveainsurance.co.uk

Financial Services Compensation Scheme

We are a member of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). **You** may be entitled to compensation from this scheme, if **you** reside in the **UK**, and **we** cannot meet **our** obligations, depending on the type of insurance and the circumstances of **your** claim.

Further information about the is available from the FSCS website www.fscs.org.uk, or write to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, 10th Floor, Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London, EC3A 7QU.

Laws Applicable

- The laws of England and Wales will apply to this contract unless we agree otherwise.
- The language of the policy and all communications relating to it will be in English unless we agree otherwise in writing.

