

POLICY WORDING



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Welcome

Welcome to Lifetime Pet Cover! Thank you for choosing us for your Pet Insurance.

Your Lifetime Pet Cover Policy is made up of this Policy Wording and your Certificate of Insurance. The Certificate of Insurance confirms the sections of cover you have chosen. Put them somewhere safe, so that you can refer to them if you ever need to claim. Please carefully check the details in your Certificate of Insurance and this Policy Wording to make sure the cover you have chosen meets your needs. If there is anything you are unsure of, please give our Customer Service Team a call and they will be happy to assist you.



Should you need to make any changes or have any queries regarding your Policy, please contact our Customer Service Team. Calls may be recorded and monitored. Call charges will vary for 03 numbers.





Customer Service

020 3750 0022

| Making a Claim | 01285 626050 |
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| Financial Conduct Authority | 0800 111 6768 |
| Financial Ombudsman Service (Landlines) | 0800 023 4567 |
| Financial Ombudsman Service (Mobiles) | 0300 123 9123 |
| Financial Services Compensation Scheme | 0800 678 1100 |

Policy Wording

FOR PEACE OF MIND

Please take a little time to read and understand what **We** will cover and what **We** will not cover under **Your** insurance contract along with what **You** should do in the event of a claim to avoid any frustration or disappointment.

This document explains the detailed terms of **Your** insurance once **Your** details are accepted by **Us**. **We** have tried to make this insurance contract easily understood by **You**, the customer, in an effort to eliminate unrealistic expectations if an unfortunate incident should occur.

At the same time let **Us** assure **You** that if something occurs that is covered by this insurance contract, then **We** will try **Our** best to provide **You** with a high level of timely and courteous service.

PET INSURANCE

Your insurer for Section 1A, Veterinary Fees, Section 1B, Complementary Treatment, and Section 1C, Accidental Death and Death from Illness is Bastion Insurance Company Limited, Floor 4 Development House, St Anne Street Floriana FRN 9010.

Bastion Insurance Company Ltd (C-37545) is authorised by the Malta Financial Services Authority to carry on General Business of Insurance under the Insurance Business Act, 1998. Bastion Insurance Company Limited, is authorised and regulated by the Malta Financial Services Authority in the jurisdiction of Malta. Bastion Insurance Company Limited is deemed authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority. Subject to regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority and limited regulation by the Prudential Regulation Authority. Details of the Temporary Permissions Regime, which allows EEA-based firms to operate in the UK for a limited period

while seeking full authorisation, are available on the Financial Conduct Authority's website.

Your insurer for section 2, Third Party Liability, is Ageas Insurance Ltd. Ageas Insurance Ltd, Ageas House, Hampshire Corporate Park, Templars Way, Eastleigh, Hampshire, S053 3YA. Registered in England and Wales No. 354568. Ageas Insurance Limited is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential

Regulation Authority, Financial Services No. 202039.

This policy will be administered by Lifetime Pet Cover Limited (Registered in England & Wales No. 09138396), authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Financial Services Register No. 973845. Registered Office: The Old Dairy, Western Court, Bishops Sutton, United Kingdom, S024 0AA.

This evidence of insurance is to confirm that the pet(s) for which **You** have paid the appropriate premium are insured. This document only constitutes a valid evidence of insurance when it is issued in conjunction with a **Certificate of Insurance**.

READ ME FIRST ELIGIBILITY

Your Pet must be aged 8 weeks or over on the date of purchasing this insurance Policy.

- Your Pet must not be used for guarding, track racing or coursing.
- 2) Your Pet must not be a dog that is, or is crossed with, an African Wild Dog, Akita, Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog, American Bandogge/Bandogge Mastiff, American Bulldog, American Indian Dog, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Rottweiler, American Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Anatolian Shepherd Dog (Karabash), Bandog, Boerboel, Bully Kutta, Canary Dog, Cane Corso, Caucasian Ovcharka, Chinese Shar-Pei, Chow Chow, Czechoslovakian Wolfdog, Dingo, Dogo Argentino, Dogue Brasileiro, Fila Brasileiro,

Fox hound, Gull Dong, Husky Wolf Hybrid, Irish Staffordshire Blue Bull Terrier, Irish Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Japanese Tosa, Korean Jindo, Northern Inuit Dog, Perro De Presa Canario (Dogo Canario), Pit Bull Terrier, Racing Greyhounds, Saarlooswolfhound, Shar Pei, Tosa, Tosa Inu, Utonagan, Wolf Hybrid, Wolfdog, including any "type", as defined in the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 or any amendments, considered to match the description of a prohibited "type"; any breed crossed with the above or the breeds as listed in the 'General Exclusions section' of this policy document; and any other breed or type deemed to be dangerous by the Secretary of State and subsequently added to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 or any amendments.

- **3)** Your dog must not have been the subject of any complaint to the police.
- 4) This Policy is only available to You if You and Your Pet are permanently resident in the United Kingdom.

STATEMENT OF DEMANDS AND NEEDS

This **Policy** meets the demands and needs of the customer who requires cover for **Veterinary Fees** incurred due to the treatment of their cat or dog for **Injury** or **Illness**. **We** do not make personal recommendations as to the suitability of the **Policy** to individual circumstances.

EVIDENCE OF COVER

You should read this document carefully. It gives **You** full details of what is and is not covered and the conditions of the cover.

POLICY INFORMATION OR ADVICE

If **You** would like more information or if **You** feel the insurance may not meet **Your** needs, please call the number shown on **Your**Certificate of Insurance.

CANCELLATION PERIOD:

COOLING OFF PERIOD

If, after reading this document, **You** decide the terms of the insurance contract do not meet

Your requirements You can, within 14 days of the date of You receiving this document, simply call the Administrator on 020 3750 0022, for a full refund of premium, provided You have not made or intend to make a claim under this insurance Policy.

YOUR RIGHTS AFTER COMMENCEMENT OF COVER

You may cancel this policy at any other time during the **Period of Insurance** by giving **us** 14 day's notice.

MONTHLY POLICIES

If You are paying for Your cover on a monthly basis, You will remain covered until the end of the month You have already paid for unless specified otherwise. If You decided to cancel Your Direct Debit instalment, it's important that You call Us to ensure Your Policy has been fully cancelled, so Your credit rating is not affected. It is Your responsibility to contact Your bank or building society and ensure no further payment is made.

ANNUAL POLICIES

If You have paid for Your Policy in annual instalments, You may cancel the Policy and We will refund any amount You have paid for the rest of the Period of Insurance on a pro-rata basis, provided You have not made or intend to make a claim under this Policy.

ANNUAL PREMIUMS

Our Insurers use many years' experience and expertise to analyse pricing factors and calculate an insurance price that reflects the individual circumstances of You and Your Pet. They also constantly analyse and review the prices we offer our customers to ensure they deliver fair value. There are many different factors that affect the price of all insurance products, including Pet Insurance. Some are specific to You and Your Pet, such as Your Pet's age, and others are as a result of our constantly changing world, such as the cost of

Veterinary Bills. This may mean that **Your** insurance Premiums are likely to increase each year at Renewal, dependent on Your individual circumstances and other external factors that our Insurers take into account when calculating annual Premiums.

OUR CANCELLATION RIGHTS

We reserve the right to cancel this **Policy** on 7 days written notice if You do not abide by the terms of these conditions, this will include acting dishonestly or fraudulently.

If We cancel the Policy during this time, We will refund any amount You have paid for the rest of the **Period of Insurance**, as long as **You** have not made a claim. You cannot make a claim which occurred after the date the **Policy** was cancelled but cancelling the **Policy** will not affect Your right to claim for an event which occurred before the date the Policy was cancelled.

If You give Us notice to cancel the Policy, You must send it to the Administrator.

Email: hello@lifetimepetcover.co.uk. Telephone: 020 3750 0022.

If We give You notice, We will send it to Your last known postal or email address.

LAW APPLICABLE UNDER THIS CONTRACT

You and We are free to choose the laws applicable to the **Policy**. We propose to apply the laws of England with exclusive jurisdiction to the Courts of England and Wales and by purchasing this Policy, You have agreed to this.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

If You have any cause for complaint regarding this insurance, please refer to the Complaints Section of Your Policy wording.

Levels of Cover

Your Certificate of Insurance will show You which level of cover You have chosen.

LEVEL 1: LIFETIME £2,000 LIMIT

We will pay for Veterinary Fees for each new medical condition. You will be covered for Veterinary Fees up to the Policy limit each year and this will be reinstated each year providing cover is made available to You and You continue to renew Your Policy with Us.

The Annual Cover Limit payable in any one **Period of Insurance** is £2,000, which is also inclusive of any Complementary Treatment Your Pet may receive. However, with regard to claims for cruciate ligament rupture, tear, damage or disease and the cost of MRI and/or CT scan treatment and associated costs, the most We will pay out in any one Period of **Insurance** is £1,000 (within the overall limit £2,000"). This limit forms part of the overall Veterinary Fees limit you chose and is not a separate Veterinary Fees limit.

With regard to Dental Treatment as standard illness, the most **We** will pay out in any one **Period of Insurance** is £200. This limit forms part of the overall **Veterinary Fees** limit you chose and is not a separate Veterinary Fees limit.

With regard to Complementary Therapy, the most We will pay out in any one Period of **Insurance** is £500. This limit forms part of the overall Veterinary Fees limit you chose and is not a separate Veterinary Fees limit.

LEVEL 2: LIFETIME £3,000 LIMIT

We will pay for Veterinary Fees for each new medical condition. You will be covered for Veterinary Fees up to the Policy limit each year and this will be reinstated each year providing cover is made available to You and You continue to renew Your Policy with Us.

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The Annual Cover Limit payable in any one Period of Insurance is £3,000, which is also inclusive of any Complementary Treatment Your Pet may receive. However, with regard to claims for cruciate ligament cruciate ligament rupture, tear or damage or disease and the cost of MRI and/or CT scan treatment and associated costs(following receipt of instructions from the Vet), the most We will pay out in any one **Period of Insurance** is £1,000 (within the overall limit £3,000). This limit forms part of the overall Veterinary Fees limit you chose and is not a separate Veterinary Fees limit.

With regard to Dental Treatment as standard illness, the most We will pay out in any one Period of Insurance is £200. This limit forms part of the overall Veterinary Fees limit you chose and is not a separate Veterinary Fees limit.

With regard to Complementary Therapy, the most We will pay out in any one Period of **Insurance** is £500. This limit forms part of the overall Veterinary Fees limit you chose and is not a separate Veterinary Fees limit.

LEVEL 3: LIFETIME 64,000 LIMIT

We will pay for Veterinary Fees for each new medical condition. You will be covered for Veterinary Fees up to the Policy limit each year and this will be reinstated each year providing cover is made available to You and You continue to renew Your Policy with Us.

The **Annual Cover Limit** payable in any one Period of Insurance is £4,000, which is also inclusive of any Complementary Treatment Your Pet may receive. However, with regard to claims for cruciate ligament rupture, tear, damage or disease and the cost of MRI and/or CT scan treatment and associated costs (following receipt of instructions from the Vet), the most We will pay out in any one Period of **Insurance** is £1,500 (within the overall limit £4,000). This limit forms part of the

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overall Veterinary Fees limit you chose and is not a separate Veterinary Fees limit. With regard to Dental Treatment as standard illness, the most We will pay out in any one **Period of Insurance** is £200. This limit forms part of the overall **Veterinary Fees** limit you chose and is not a separate Veterinary Fees limit.

With regard to Complementary Therapy, the most We will pay out in any one Period of **Insurance** is £1,000. This limit forms part of the overall Veterinary Fees limit you chose and is not a separate **Veterinary Fees** limit.

LEVEL 4: LIFETIME £6,000 LIMIT

We will pay for Veterinary Fees for each new medical condition. You will be covered for Veterinary Fees up to the Policy limit each year and this will be reinstated each year providing cover is made available to You and You continue to renew Your Policy with Us.

The **Annual Cover Limit** payable in any one **Period of Insurance** is £6,000, which is also inclusive of any Complementary Treatment Your Pet may receive. However, with regard to claims for cruciate ligament rupture, tear, damage or disease and the cost of MRI and/or CT scan treatment and associated costs (following receipt of instructions from the Vet), the most **We** will pay out in any one **Period of Insurance** is £1,500 (within the overall limit £6,000). This limit forms part of the overall Veterinary Fees limit you chose and is not a separate Veterinary Fees limit.

With regard to Dental Treatment as standard illness, the most **We** will pay out in any one **Period of Insurance** is £500. This limit forms part of the overall **Veterinary Fees** limit you chose and is not a separate Veterinary Fees limit.

With regard to Complementary Therapy, the most We will pay out in any one Period of **Insurance** is £1,000. This limit forms part of the overall Veterinary Fees limit you chose and is not a separate Veterinary Fees limit.

LEVEL 5: LIFETIME £10,000 LIMIT

We will pay for Veterinary Fees for each new medical condition. You will be covered for Veterinary Fees up to the Policy limit each year and this will be reinstated each year providing cover is made available to You and You continue to renew Your Policy with Us.

The Annual Cover Limit payable in any one **Period of Insurance** is £10,000, which is also inclusive of any Complementary Treatment Your Pet may receive. However, with regard to claims for cruciate ligament rupture, tear, damage or disease and the cost of MRI and/or CT scan treatment and associated costs (following receipt of instructions from the Vet), the most We will pay out in any one Period of **Insurance** is £2,000 (within the overall limit £10,000). This limit forms part of the overall Veterinary Fees limit you chose and is not a separate Veterinary Fees limit.

With regard to Dental Treatment as standard illness, the most We will pay out in any one **Period of Insurance** is £1,000. This limit forms part of the overall Veterinary Fees limit you chose and is not a separate Veterinary Fees limit.

With regard to Complementary Therapy, the most We will pay out in any one Period of **Insurance** is £1,000. This limit forms part of the overall Veterinary Fees limit you chose and is not a separate Veterinary Fees limit.

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Policy Definitions

Any word defined below will have the same meaning wherever it is shown in Your Policy in bold print. These definitions have been listed in alphabetical order.

Accident

A sudden and unexpected event which happens during the Policy year, which results in bodily Illness or Injury to Your Pet.

Administrator

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Phone: 020 3750 0022

Email: hello@lifetimepetcover.co.uk

Animal Health Certificate

The official UK Animal Health Certificate document provided by a Vet who has the Government's authority to do so. Required for travelling to an EU country or Northern Ireland from Great Britain.

Annual Cover Limit

The most We will pay during the Period of Insurance as detailed in the Certificate of Insurance.

Behavioural Illness

Any changes to Your Pet's normal behaviour, resulting from a mental or emotional disorder.

Bilateral Conditions

Where a condition is affecting one body part of which Your Pet has two, one each side of the body (e.g. ears, eyes, knees, cruciate ligaments) this will be considered a Bilateral Condition and when applying the Annual Cover Limit limit or an exclusion Bilateral Conditions are considered as one condition.

Certificate of Insurance

An insurance validation issued by the Administrator on Our behalf which forms part of this Policy and contains the name of the policyholder and gives Your Pet's details and details of the cover provided by this Policy.

Chronic Condition

Means any condition that continues indefinitely, or cannot be cured or eradicated and that may recur or requires ongoing treatment.

Claims Handler

For section 1, Trent-Services (Administration)

Phone: 01285 626050

Email: admin@trent-services.co.uk

For section 2, Third Party Liability, Ageas Insurance Limited.

Phone: 0345 415 0495

Email:

commercialclaims.eastleighteam@ageas.co.uk Write to: Commercial Claims Team, Ageas House, Hampshire Corporate Park, Templars Way, Eastleigh, Hampshire S053 3YA.

Clinical signs

Changes in **Your pet's** normal healthy state, its bodily functions or behaviour.

Co-insurance

The amount You are required to pay towards the costs of the Veterinary Fees where Your Pet is aged 4 years or older at the time of the claim, even if Your Pet turns 4, 7 or 12 part way through the Veterinary Treatment period. Any Co-insurance payable by You will be deducted from the overall Annual Cover Limit as stated on Your Certificate of Insurance. The Co-Insurance is applied per condition per policy year

The Co-insurance amounts applicable are as follows:

 Between 4 Years of age and 6 years of age: 15% will be deducted from the claims settlement after the Excess;

- between 7 Years of age and 11 years of age: 25% will be deducted from the claims settlement after the Excess;
- 12 Years or older: 30% will be deducted from the claims settlement after the Excess.

An example of how a claim would be calculated with a 15% Co-insurance is as follows:

Valid claim arises for Veterinary Fees: £500.00 Deduction of Policy Excess (Applies for all new claims): -£110.00

Amount payable less Excess: £ 390.00 15% **Co-insurance** Deduction (Applies to each and every claim for a **Pet** aged 4-6 years old): -

Claim total settlement: £ 331.50

An example of how a claim would be calculated with a 25% Co-insurance is as follows:

Valid claim arises for Veterinary Fees: £500.00 Deduction of Policy Excess (Applies for all new claims): -£110.00

Amount payable less Excess: £ 390.00 25% **Co-insurance** Deduction (Applies to each and every claim for a **Pet** aged 7-11 years old): -£ 97.50

Claim total settlement: £ 292.50

An example of how a claim would be calculated with a 30% Co-insurance is as follows:

Valid claim arises for Veterinary Fees: £500.00 Deduction of Policy Excess (Applies for all new claims): -£110.00

Amount payable less Excess: £390.00 30% **Co-insurance** Deduction (Applies to each and every claim for a **Pet** aged 12 years or older): -£117.00

Claim total settlement: £273.00

The Excess is applied annually at each renewal, and is applicable separately to each unrelated condition. The Excess is applied per condition per policy year.

Complementary Therapist

A Certified Clinical Animal Behaviourist or a member of one of the following organisations: Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Animal Therapy, Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors, Bowen Technique Therapists, Canine and Feline Behaviour Association, Canine Hydrotherapy Association, McTimoney Animal Association, McTimoney Chiropractic Association, National Association of Veterinary Physiotherapists, The International Association of Animal Therapists (UK), Institute of Registered Veterinary and Animal Physiotherapists, Association of British Veterinary Acupuncturists, British Veterinary Behaviour Association, National Association of Registered Canine Hydrotherapist or Institute of Registered Veterinary and Animal Physiotherapists.

Complementary Treatment

Complementary treatment, including herbal or homeopathic medicine as recommended and prescribed by Your Vet and carried out by a qualified Complementary Therapist, excluding Complementary Treatment that has not been specifically recommended by Your Vet in respect of the condition suffered.

Dietary indiscretion

Means when **Your Pet** accidentally ingests something that its body cannot tolerate which results in **Illness** or **Injury**. This includes but is not limited to the consumption of a foreign body, objects, drugs or toxins that result in **Veterinary treatment**.

Emergency

Means serious injuries resulting from an **Accident** or sudden **Illness**, or an ongoing **Illness** that suddenly becomes worse that results in a requirement for immediate **Veterinary Treatment**.

Excess

This is the first amount of each unrelated claim for a new condition which is payable by **You** per condition per policy year. This amount is stated on **Your Certificate of Insurance**. Any **Excess** payable by **You** will be deducted from the overall Annual Cover Limit as stated on **Your Certificate of Insurance**.

Export Application Form

An accompanying document to the **Export Health Certificate.** Required for travelling to a non-EU country.

Export Health Certificate

An **Export Health Certificate** checks that **Your** pet meets the health requirements of the country you're travelling to. Required for travelling to a non-EU country.

Home

The place in the **United Kingdom** where **You** usually live.

Illness

Changes to 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.

Immediate family

Your husband, wife, civil partner, life partner, parents, sons and daughters.

Injury

A physical **Injury** caused immediately by an **Accident**. It does not include **Injury** that happens over a period of time.

Period of Insurance

The period for which **We** have accepted the premium as stated in **Your Certificate of Insurance**. This is an annually renewable **Policy** which can be premium funded to enable monthly instalments.

Policy

Your Certificate of Insurance, this policy and endorsements.

Pre-existing conditions

Any condition, **Illness**, **Injury** or **Bilateral Condition** which occurred or first showed **Clinical Signs** prior to the **Policy** start date,
whether diagnosed or not or existing in any
form even if the diagnosis changes. This
includes if the condition, **Illness**, **Injury** or



Bilateral Condition has the same diagnosis or is caused by, relates to or results from a condition, **Illness** or **Injury** which occurred prior to the policy start date.

A condition will cease to be a pre-existing condition if:

- a) The condition has been treated and Your
 Pet has fully recovered, leaving no
 susceptibility to future problems or
 underlying weakness and since that point;
- b) The condition has been treated and Your Pet has not received any treatment for or in connection with the condition for a continuous period of 24 calendar months;
- c) There are no symptoms or vet consultations relating to the condition for the previous 24 months.

Territorial Limits:

- 1. United Kingdom and:
- 2. Anywhere in the world for up to three (3) months during the Period of Insurance provided that Your Pet has a valid Animal Health Certificate (For travelling to an EU country or Northern Ireland from Great Britain) or a valid Export Health Certificate and Export Applications Form (For travelling to a non-EU country) and is accompanying You on holiday. You must ensure that all the conditions of the Pet Travel Scheme have been met and a full invoice and any relevant clinical notes have been provided.

United Kingdom

England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man and Channel Islands.

Vet

A current, qualified member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons practising within the **United Kingdom** or is registered to practice in the country in which **Veterinary Treatment** is received.

Veterinary Fees

The amount **Vets** in general or referral practice usually charge.

Veterinary Treatment

Any examination, consultation, advice, tests, X-rays, legally prescribed medication, surgery and nursing required to treat an **Illness** or **Injury**, provided by a **Vet**, a veterinary nurse or another member of the veterinary practice under the supervision of a **Vet**. This includes **Complementary Treatment** and alternative treatment as recommended by a **Vet**.

We, Us, Our, Insurer

Bastion Insurance Company Ltd. for all sections apart from section 2, Third Party Liability, where it will mean Ageas Insurance Limited.

You/Your

The person whose name appears on **Your Certificate of Insurance** document.

Your Pet

Any dog or cat named on the **Certificate of Insurance**.

Sections of Cover

Section 1A: Veterinary Fees

What You Are Covered For:

We will pay You up to the limit shown on Your Certificate of Insurance for the cost of Veterinary Fees for Veterinary Treatment Your Pet has received within the Territorial Limits during the Period of Insurance to treat an Illness or Injury.

What You Are Not Covered For:

In addition to the General Exclusions of the **Policy**, the **Insurer** shall not be responsible for:

- The Excess as shown in Your Certificate of Insurance. The Excess is payable directly to the Vet.
- 2. The Co-insurance amount of 15% where Your Pet is between 4 years of age and 6 years of age at time of claiming, even if



- Your Pet turns 4 part way through a treatment period.
- 3. The Co-insurance amount of 25% where Your Pet is between 7 years of age and 11 years of age at time of claiming, even if Your Pet turns 7 part way through a treatment period.
- **4.** The **Co-insurance** amount of 30% where **Your Pet** is 12 years of age or older at time of claiming, even if **Your Pet** turns 12 part way through a treatment period.
- More than the Annual Cover Limit for the combined treatment cost of all Illnesses and injuries in the Period of Insurance.
- 6. Any Pre-existing Conditions.
- 7. Any Chronic Condition that pre dates the Policy start date.
- 8. The cost of treatment for:
 - An Accident within the first 48 hours of Your Pet's first Policy year,
 - An Illness or chronic condition within the first 14 days of Your Pet's first Policy year,
 - c. An Illness or chronic condition caused by or relating to a clinical sign that was noticed, or an Illness or chronic condition that showed Clinical Signs, within the first 14 days of Your Pet's first Period of Insurance.
- The cost of treatment to prevent **Injury** or **Illness**.
- 10. The cost of treatment or complications arising from treatment, You choose to have carried out and is not directly related to an Injury or Illness, including but not limited to dew claws (unless damaged) and umbilical hernias.
- **11.** The cost of killing and controlling fleas and worms.
- **12.** The cost of any food (including food prescribed by a **Vet**).

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13. The cost of pheromone Vet Plan Product, including DAP diffusers and Feliway unless used as part of a structured behaviour modification programme, and then limited to a maximum period of 6 months.

- **14.** The cost of vaccinations, urine tests, routine blood tests, castration, spaying (including spaying for mammary tumours and false pregnancy) unless:
 - The procedure is carried out to treat a specific Illness or Injury not excluded above, or;
- **15.** Any costs associated with breeding as well as pregnancy and birth (including caesarean sections).
- 16. The cost of treating an Injury or Illness deliberately caused by You or anyone living with You.
- 17. The costs of having Your Pet:
 - a. Put to sleep, including veterinary consultations, visits or prescribed medications specifically needed to carry out the procedure, or
 - **b.** Cremated, buried or disposed of and post mortem costs.
- 18. The cost of house calls unless the Vet confirms that moving Your Pet would further damage its health, regardless of Your personal circumstances.
- 19. Extra costs for treating Your Pet outside usual surgery hours, unless the Vet confirms that the condition is an Emergency.
- 20. The cost of hospitalisation and any associated Veterinary Treatment, unless the Vet confirms it is essential that Your Pet is hospitalised, regardless of Your personal circumstance.
- 21. Costs resulting from an **Injury** or **Illness** specified as excluded on **Your Certificate of Insurance** or generally not covered within these terms and conditions.
- **22.** The cost of surgical items that can be used more than once.
- 23. The cost of treatment for or in connection to aggression which is inherent in Your Pet or Behavioural Illness if Your Pet's behaviour is caused by You failing to provide training.
- **24.** The cost of any form of housing, including cages, whether hired or purchased.
- **25.** The cost of bathing, grooming or dematting **Your Pet** unless: **You** have taken



- all reasonable steps to maintain **Your Pet's** health; and
- **26.** A **Vet** confirms veterinary expertise is needed and therefore only a **Vet** or
- **27.** A member of a veterinary practice can carry out these activities, regardless of **Your** personal circumstances.
- **28.** The cost of any prosthesis, including any **Veterinary Treatment** needed to fit the prosthesis, other than the cost of hip, knee and/or elbow replacement(s).
- 29. The cost of any claim caused by Your negligence (including the treatment of obese Pets and symptoms incidental to obesity).
- **30.** The cost of dental treatment unless **Your Pet** has had its teeth checked by a **Vet** in the 12 months before the onset date of the claim. If any treatment was recommended as a result of the check this must have been carried out.
- 31. More than one claim for a dietary indiscretion during any one Period of Insurance. If We receive more than one claim We will only pay for the incident that occurred first.
- **32.** Any **Veterinary Fees** for treatment to a **Vet's** own **Pet** and fees for pets belonging to veterinary practice staff unless claimed at cost price.
- 33. The cost of any treatment in connection with retained testicles if Your Pet is over the age of 12 weeks when cover commenced.
- 34. Any cost 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. This includes pre-operative blood tests unless Your Pet's medical history indicates a life threatening risk during surgery.
- **35.** Any administrative costs incurred by completing a claim form, **Vet** referral letters postage and packing fees and clinical waste fees.
- **36.** The cost of obtaining a second opinion regarding **Your Pet's** condition.

- **37.** Any claim notified 90 days after the end date of the **Veterinary Treatment** for the condition, **Injury** or **Illness**.
- 38. Any claim for cruciate ligaments or Dietary Indiscretions that occurs within 14 days of the commencement date of Your Policy will be treated as an Illness and not an Accident.

Section 1B: Complementary Treatment

What You Are Covered For:

Following receipt of instructions from the Vet,
We will pay You up to the amount shown in the
Levels of Cover section of this Policy for the
cost of Complementary Treatment Your Pet
has received within the United Kingdom
during the Period of Insurance to treat an
Illness or Injury Please note if you claim under
this section of Your policy, any amount will be
deducted from Your Annual Cover Limit as
detailed on Your Certificate of Insurance

What You Are Not Covered For:

In addition to all the exclusions listed above (Section 1A - **Veterinary Fees**, Exclusions 1 to 35) **You** will not be covered for:

 Any Complementary Treatment Fees for treatment to a Complementary Therapists own Pet and Fees for Pets belonging to Complementary Therapists practice staff unless claimed at cost price

Section 1C: Accidental Death and Death from Illness

What is Covered:

The purchase price of **Your Pet**, up to a maximum of £500 for Dogs and £100 for cats if it dies or has to be put to sleep by a vet



following an **Accident** or **Illness** during the **Period of Insurance**. If **You** did not pay for **Your Pet** or cannot provide evidence of the purchase price, **We** will pay the market price instead.

What is NOT covered for the above Section 1C Accidental Death and Death from Illness:

- More than the purchase price, or £500 for dogs and £100 for cats, whichever is the lesser
- 2. Any amount after 180 days from the date of the loss.
- Any amount unless Your Vet confirms it was not humane to keep Your pet alive because it was suffering from any Injury that could not be treated or an incurable Illness.
- **4.** Any pet aged 6 years and over.
- Any amount if Your Pet's death results from a Pre-existing Condition or Chronic Condition that predates the Policy start date.
- 6. More than the Annual Cover Limit
- Any amount if Your Pet's death results from an Illness which starts in the first 14 days of cover.
- **8.** Any amount of the death results from breeding, pregnancy or giving birth.

Section 2: Third Party Liability Policy Cover (Applies to Dogs ONLY)

This cover does not apply if you are already insured under any other home contents or liability policy, unless the cover provided by that policy has been exhausted.

In the event of a potential claim, you must provide us with details of any other insurance policies which may provide cover for the accidental damage to property or accidental bodily injury or death of another person. We will then contact the other insurer(s) to determine who will handle your claim and our liability for any compensation, costs and

expenses, which will be determined by reference to the cover provided under each of the relevant policies.

What we will pay:

If your pet causes an accidental bodily injury or kills another person, or accidentally damages another person's property during the policy year and you are legally responsible, we will pay up to the maximum benefit for:

- any compensation and legal costs awarded by a court for their accidental bodily injury, death or damage to their property; and
- 2. the legal costs defending a claim. If more than one person is injured, dies or has their property damaged, we will pay compensation and legal costs awarded by a court and the legal costs defending a claim until the maximum benefit is reached. If someone else is looking after your pet when the accidental bodily injury or death or accidental property damage occurs, we will provide cover as long as:
 - you asked them to look after your pet;
 - you did not agree to pay them to look after your pet;
 - the accidental bodily injury or death or damage was not to them, their family or their property; and
 - you are not aware that your pet has previously injured or killed anyone, or damaged other people's property.

What you pay:

The first £250 of any compensation or costs for property which has been damaged.

We will not pay:

- compensation or legal costs if the injured person, person who has died or owner of the damaged property:
 - a. is you or part of your family;



- **b.** lives in **your** home;
- c. works for or with you; or
- **d.** was looking after **your pet** with **your** permission;
- 2. if you or someone listed above is looking after the property or holding it in trust;
- **3.** the first £250 of any compensation or costs for property which has been damaged:
- 4. for any claim if you are legally responsible for the injury, death or damage only because of an agreement or contract you have entered into;
- 5. for any claim arising as a result of your, or anyone in your family's profession, occupation or business, or resulting from any incident that happens at your or anyone in your family's place of work;
- for any claim occurring on premises licensed for the sale of alcohol where your pet lives or is kept;
- 7. for any claim occurring as a result of your pet competing in any type of competition, including but not limited to field trials, dog shows or breeder's competitions;
- **8.** for any claim arising outside the United Kingdom;
- any fines or penalties from criminal proceedings; or
- 10. any amount a court requires you to pay to punish you or try to stop the same circumstances that led to incident happening again or because you have caused someone distress, embarrassment or humiliation.

Other Dogs:

If another dog was involved with your pet when injuring or killing another person or when damaging another person's property, we will only pay for the damage or injury caused by your dog insured under this policy. If the other dog is your uninsured dog, or belongs to someone else, you or the other owner will have to pay for the share of the compensation and costs arising from the accidental bodily injury, death or accidental property damage your uninsured dog or their dog caused.

Conditions:

- 1. You must notify us immediately of any injury, death or damage you become aware of which may lead to a claim under this Section 2 (Third Party Liability). You must give us any assistance we request (including providing us with any information and/or documents that are relevant to your claim, at your expense) and follow any instructions we give you. We may choose to take over any complaint or legal action against you, in your name and at our expense.
- Do not admit that your pet was at fault or offer to make payments to anyone unless you have received written instructions from us to do so.
- Do not admit or accept liability, negotiate or make any payment or promise of payment unless you have received instructions from us to do so.
- 4. Do not answer letters from people who may claim against you, or who are acting for people who may claim against you. You must pass all correspondence to us.
- 5. Do not incur any legal costs relating to a claim under this Section 2 (Third Party Liability) - we will arrange for legal representation if applicable.
- 6. Your pet must not have previously displayed any vicious or aggressive behaviour towards any human beings or to other animals.
- 7. In some circumstances, following a claim for Third Party Liability or an incident involving your pet which is relevant to that element of cover, it may be necessary to exclude your pet from part or all of the Third Party Liability cover from your next policy review. If this should happen the administrator will advise you in writing and adjust your premium accordingly.

If **you** fail to meet these conditions, **we** may reduce or refuse to pay any claim **you** may make.



General Conditions

- Throughout the Period of Insurance You
 must take all reasonable steps to maintain
 Your Pet's health and to prevent
 Accidents, Injury, Illness and loss.
- You must keep Your Pet's worming vaccinations and boosters up to date and in line with the Vet's recommendations:
 - a. Dogs Distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, kennel cough and parvovirus
 - Cats Feline infectious enteritis, feline leukaemia and cat flu
- If You do not vaccinate Your Pet for these conditions, We will not pay any claims that result from any of these illnesses.
- 4. Your Pet must have annual check ups.
- 5. If, when You claim under section 1, Veterinary Fees, there is another insurance under which You are entitled to an indemnity; We will only pay Our share of the claim. You must tell Us the name and address of the other insurance company and Your Policy number.
- 6. 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.
- 7. If You have provided false information, or make a false or exaggerated claim, or any claim involves Your dishonesty, this Policy will end and Our Claims Handler will not make any further claim payments.
- 8. Your Pet is only covered under this Policy if You pay the premium. If You pay the yearly premium in instalments and You miss an instalment You must pay the outstanding amount within 15 days of the date the instalment is due to be paid. If We do not receive Your payment within 15 days of the date the premium is due, Your insurance will automatically stop and We will make no further claim payments.
- You agree that any Vet has Your permission to release information We ask

- for about **Your Pet**. If the **Vet** makes a charge for this, **You** must pay the charge.
- 10. Under normal circumstances the Claims Handler will pay the claim to the Vet. You will be required to pay the Excess to the Vet. If the Vet, who has treated Your Pet or is about to treat Your Pet, asks for information about Your insurance that relates to a claim, the Claims Handler will tell the Vet what the insurance covers, what they will not pay for, how the amount they pay is calculated and if the premiums are paid to date.
- 11. If the Claims Handler receives a request to pay the claim payment direct to You, they reserve the right to decline this request.
- 12. If the Claims Handler considers 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, they reserve the right to request a second opinion from a Vet that they choose. If the **Vet** they choose does not agree with the Veterinary Treatment or **Complementary Treatment** provided they 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 they have requested the second opinion.
- 13. The Claims Handler will not guarantee on the phone to pay a claim. You must send them a claim form that has been fully completed and they will then write to You with their decision.
- **14.** When **You** claim **You** agree to give the **Claims Handler** any information they may reasonably ask for.
- 15. You and We are free to choose the laws applicable to the Policy. We propose to apply the British Law with exclusive jurisdiction to the Courts of England and Wales and by purchasing this Policy, You have agreed to this.



- 16. Unless We agree otherwise the language of the Policy and all communications relating to it will be in English.
- 17. 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 an Illness. And, if the Claims Handler decides, they will refer the case to a Vet that they
- **18.** You agree to pay translation costs for any claim documentation not written in English.
- 19. If You pay Your premium by direct debit instalments or monthly instalments, when Your Policy is due for renewal We will renew it for You automatically to save You the worry of remembering to contact Us before the renewal date, providing you are eligible for auto-renewal. We will write to you before the Policy expires with full details of **Your** next year's premium and Policy conditions. If You do not want to renew this Policy, all You need to do is contact **Us** on 020 3750 0022
- 20. As per pet Section 27 of the Road Traffic Act 1988: "A person who causes or permits a dog to be on a designated road without the dog being held on a lead is guilty of an offence". It also states, in this section, "designated road" means a length of road specified by an order in that behalf of the local authority in whose area the length of road is situated - For further details see The Road Traffic Act 1988. With this in mind, a dog on a designated road must be on a collar and lead under control.
- 21. When walking Your Pet in an area other than a designated road, You must ensure that Your Pet remains under Your control and reasonable steps must be taken to prevent Your Pet escaping onto a designated road. When nearing a road You must ensure Your Pet is on a lead.
- 22. You must ensure that any dog lead, collar and/ or harness is in good condition and fits Your Pet to prevent escape. You must also ensure that any lead is used in such a way as to prevent the same slipping out of your grasp should Your Pet suddenly pull away from You.

- 23. You must ensure Your Pet cannot escape or stray from your property and any area in which a dog is kept must be secure and appropriately fenced or otherwise secured and all reasonable steps must be taken to prevent escape. When loading Your Pet into or out of Your vehicle, You must ensure that the area is either secure or Your Pet is on a lead.
- 24. We may at our discretion decide to supply pharmaceuticals, drugs, prescriptions or medications directly from the supplier of our choice.
- **25.** We may at our discretion deduct the costs of any medication from a claim that are deemed excessive or exceed the usual market value.
- **26.** Where a condition is affecting one body part of which Your Pet has two, one each side of the body (e.g. ears, eyes, knees, cruciate ligaments) this will be considered a Bilateral Condition and when applying the Annual Cover Limit limit or an exclusion Bilateral Conditions are considered as one condition.

General Exclusions

In addition to the exclusions listed under "what You are not covered for", the Insurer shall not be responsible for:

- 1. Any animal less than 8 weeks old at the date cover started as shown on Your Certificate of Insurance.
- 2. Any claim for treatment not carried out within the Territorial Limits.
- 3. Any claim for dogs which are used for guarding, track racing, coursing.
- **4.** Any claim for a dog that is, or is crossed with, Any claim for a dog that is, or is crossed with, an African Wild Dog, Akita, Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog, American Bandogge/Bandogge Mastiff, American Bulldog, American Indian Dog, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Rottweiler, American Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Anatolian Shepherd

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Dog (Karabash), Bandog, Boerboel, Bully Kutta, Canary Dog, Cane Corso, Caucasian Ovcharka, Chinese Shar-Pei, Chow Chow, Czechoslovakian Wolfdog, Dingo, Dogo Argentino, Dogue Brasileiro, Fila Brasileiro, Fox hound, Gull Dong, Husky Wolf Hybrid, Irish Staffordshire Blue Bull Terrier, Irish Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Japanese Tosa, Korean Jindo, Northern Inuit Dog, Perro De Presa Canario (Dogo Canario), Pit Bull Terrier, Racing Greyhounds, Saarlooswolfhound, Shar Pei, Tosa, Tosa Inu, Utonagan, Wolf Hybrid, Wolfdog

- 5. Any amount if You break the United Kingdom laws or regulations, including those relating to animal health or importation.
- 6. Any amount if Your Pet is 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.
- 7. Any costs caused because the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) have put restrictions on Your Pet.
- 8. Any loss as a result of an act of force or violence for political, religious or ideological reasons, war, riot, revolution or any similar event, including any chemical or biological terrorism.
- 9. Any dog that must be registered under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, Dangerous Dogs (amendment) Act 1997, Dangerous Dogs Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 or any further amendments to these Acts.
- **10.** Any legal expenses, fines and penalties connected with or resulting from a Criminal Court Case or an Act of Parliament.
- 11. Any amount resulting from a disease transmitted from animals to humans.
- 12. Any amount if You or Your Pet live outside the United Kingdom.
- 13. Any costs caused by You taking Your Pet on a journey against a Vet's advice.
- 14. Any claim for a dog that is not microchipped in accordance with the 2016 Dog Microchipping Legislation.

15. 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 before.

Fraud

Fraud increases **Your** premium and the premiums of all policyholders. If You:

- a) Provide Us or our Claims Handler with false information or
- b) Make a false or exaggerated claim with Us
- c) Make any claim with our Claims Handler which involves Your dishonesty.

We will not pay Your claim, We will void Your Policy and We may inform the authorities. If We pay a claim and subsequently find the claim was fraudulent, You must repay Us the full amount.

Your Data

Please be aware that telephone calls may be monitored and recorded.

Privacy Notice - Bastion Insurance Company Limited

For the purposes of this notice the defined words We/Us/Our/Insurer refer solely to Bastion Insurance Company Limited.

We act as the Data Controller. How We use and look after the personal information is set out below.

Information may be used by Us, the Claims handler, Administrator, agents and service providers for the purposes of insurance administration, underwriting, claims handling or for statistical purposes. The lawful basis for the processing of Your personal information is that it is necessary for Us to process Your personal information to enable administration and servicing of Your policy of insurance, including any claim You may submit to Us. The processing of **Your** personal data may also be necessary to comply with any legal obligation **We** may have and to protect **Your** interest during the course of any claim.

What we process and share:

The personal data **You** have provided, we have collected from **You**, or we have received from third parties may include **Your**:

- Name, date of birth, residential address and address history.
- Contact details such as email address and telephone numbers.
- Financial and employment details.
- Identifiers assigned to Your computer or other internet connected device including Your Internet Protocol (IP) address.
- · Health or criminal conviction information.
- · Vehicle or household details.
- Any information which You have provided in support of Your insurance claim.

We may receive information about **You** from the following sources:

- Your insurance broker.
- From third parties such as credit reference agencies and fraud prevention agencies.
- From insurers, witnesses, the Police (with regards to incidents) and solicitors, appointed representatives.
- Directly from You.

We will not pass Your information to any third parties except to enable Us to process your claim, prevent fraud and comply with legal and regulatory requirements; in which case We may need to share Your information with the following third parties within the European Union:

- Solicitors or other appointed representatives.
- Underwriters, Insurers, Reinsurers, Regulators and Authorised/Statutory Bodies.
- Fraud and crime prevention agencies, including the Police.

 Other suppliers carrying out a service on Our, or Your behalf.

We will not use **Your** information for marketing further products or services to **You** or pass **Your** information on to any other organisation or person for sales and marketing purposes without **Your** consent.

Data retention:

We will hold **Your** details for up to seven years after the expiry of **Your** policy, complaint and/or claims settlement.

Your rights:

Your personal data is protected by legal rights, which include **Your** rights to:

- Object to Our processing of Your personal data.
- Request that Your personal data is erased or corrected.
- Request access to Your personal data and data portability.
- Complain to the Information
 Commissioner's Office, which regulates the processing of personal data at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, United Kingdom, Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate), Email: casework@ico.org.uk

You can request to see what data We hold on You. If You have any questions about Our privacy policy or the information We hold about You please contact Us.

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Ageas Insurance underwrites this product and may collect and use your data to service this policy. For full details of our privacy policy go to ageas.co.uk/privacy-policy or contact our Data Protection Officer at: Ageas House,



Hampshire Corporate Park, Templars Way, Eastleigh, Hampshire S053 3YA or by emailing thedpo@ageas.co.uk

Claims

How to Claim:

For claims under sections 1A, 1B and 1C:

- 1. You must contact the Claims Handler to obtain a claims form. Please telephone Trent-Services (Administration) Limited on 01285 626050 or e-mail admin@trentservices.co.uk.
- 2. Please complete the claim form and ask:
- a. Your Vet to fill out their section. (Unfortunately We do not pay Your Vet to
- b. Your Vet and Complementary Therapist to fill out their section(s). (Unfortunately We do not pay Your Vet or Complementary Therapist to do this).
- 3. Please return the claim form to Our Claims handler with the invoices setting out the costs involved. This should be sent to Trent-Services (Administration) Ltd, Trent House, Love Lane, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1XD.

For claims under section 2, Third Party Liability:

Please contact Ageas Insurance Ltd via:

Tel: 0345 415 0495

Email:

commercialclaims.eastleighteam@ageas.co.uk Write: Commercial Claims Team, Ageas House, Hampshire Corporate Park, Templars Way, Eastleigh, Hampshire, S053 3YA.

IMPORTANT: Do not accept any responsibility or respond to any letters, court documents or other legal documents.

Please retain all documentation relating to your claim as we may require you to send

these to us to assist with the handling and processing of your claim.

Please provide your policy number on all communications.

When to Claim:

You or Your Vet should send Our Claims Handler Your claim form no later than 90 days from the last date **Your Pet** received treatment or at the end of the **Period of Insurance** if the treatment has not finished by this time if this is the sooner.

Please note that failure to follow these steps may delay and/or jeopardise the payment of Your claim.

Complaints

We aim to provide **You** with the highest level of service at all times. However, We recognise that things can go wrong occasionally and if this occurs, **We** are committed to do **Our** best to resolve the matter promptly.

If Your complaint is in relation Policy Sections 1A, 1B and 1C:

Sales or general administration for Sections 1A, 1B and 1C:

If You are unhappy with any aspects of the sale or general administration of this insurance please contact Lifetime Pet Cover at hello@lifetimepetcover.co.uk or by telephone 020 3750 0022. When You do this quote Your **Policy** number, which is on **Your** schedule.

Claims under section 1A, 1B and 1C:

If **You** are unhappy with the handling of a claim under section 1, please contact, Trent-Services (Administration) Limited, Trent House, Love Lane, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1XD, email admin@trent-services.co.uk, telephone 01285 626050. When You do this quote Your policy number, which is on Your Certificate of Insurance.

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Claims under section 2, Third Party Liability:

If your complaint is about the handling of a claim under section 2, please contact by emailing

commercialclaims.eastleighteam@ageas.co.uk, calling on 0345 415 0495 or writing to Commercial Claims Team, Ageas House, Hampshire Corporate Way, Templars Way, Eastleigh, Hampshire, S053 3YA.

If Your complaint is in relation to the insurer for Sections 1A, 1B and 1C:

You may also write to the Managing Director of Bastion Insurance Company Limited, 4th floor, Development House, St Anne Street, Floriana,

FRN 9010, Malta. (UK FCA Registration No 446703)

When writing please include the following information:

- name, address and postcode, telephone number
- policy number and/or claim number
- the reason for **your** complaint
- copies of any material you may wish to provide the insurer

Please quote **Your** insurance reference number and **Your** claim number in all **Your** correspondence to all parties involved with this procedure. This procedure is intended to provide **You** with a prompt and practical service with any complaints that **You** may have.

If **You** still remain dissatisfied after following the above procedures in full, **You** can ask the Financial Ombudsman Service to review **Your** case.

Their address is:
The Financial Ombudsman Service
Exchange Tower
London
E14 9SR

Tel: 0800 023 4 567

Email: complaint.info@financialombudsman.org.uk

Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

You have the right to refer Your complaint to the FOS, free of charge, but You must do so within six months of the date of Our final response letter.

If **You** do not refer **Your** complaint in time, the Ombudsman will not have **Our** permission to consider **Your** complaint and so will only be able to do so in very limited circumstances. For example, if the Ombudsman believes that the delay was as a result of exceptional circumstances.

Please note the Ombudsman will not consider **Your** complaint until a final response letter has been issued by Lifetime Pet Cover Limited, Ageas Insurance Ltd or the Claims Handler, as outlined above.

Please quote **Your** insurance reference number and **Your** claim number in all **Your** correspondence to all parties involved with this procedure. This procedure is intended to provide **You** with a prompt and practical service with any complaints that **You** may have.

The EU Online Dispute Resolution Platform:

The European Union offers an Online Dispute Resolution Platform which may assist some customers with a complaint. **You** can access this Platform at

http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr.

Compensation Scheme:

If **We** are unable to meet Our obligations under this insurance, **You** may be entitled to compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, depending on the type of insurance and circumstances of claim. **You** can get more information about compensation scheme arrangements from the FSCS or visit www.fscs.org.uk.





