



Pet Insurance Time Limited Policy Booklet

Please read this with your Certificate of Insurance and Insurance Product Information Document (IPID) to understand the cover for your pet.

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This booklet contains:

- Demands and needs who is this product suitable for?
- Your Terms and Conditions
- Privacy Notice How we use personal information





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Welcome to LV=

Thanks for choosing us

We're really pleased that you've chosen this pet insurance and are confident you'll be happy with the cover and service you receive. This booklet contains everything you need to know about your insurance and how to contact us. So, make sure you keep it safe with your Certificate of Insurance and Insurance Product Information Document.

Exceptional service

Our claims service goes the extra mile. We're committed to doing the right thing for you, so we'll settle claims quickly and efficiently, even in the most difficult of circumstances.

We look forward to being by your side for many years to come.

Demands and needs - who is this product suitable for?

This product meets the demands and needs of a pet owner who wants cover for the cost of veterinary treatment for each injury and illness for 12 months only.

LV= hasn't provided you with any advice or recommendations as to whether this product meets your specific insurance requirements. Staff are paid a salary and may receive an annual bonus but these aren't directly influenced by your decision to purchase this policy. You should review your insurance requirements on a regular basis.

Who's involved in your insurance?

Liverpool Victoria Insurance Company Limited (LV=) Arrange your pet insurance

Allianz Insurance plc

Provide and administer your pet insurance

Communications

All communications will be in English. You can get this and other documents from us in Braille, large print or audiotape by contacting us. Calls will be recorded for training and monitoring purposes.



How to contact us

For your claim

By telephone	0330 100 9831
By email	claims@pet.lv.co.uk

To discuss or amend your policy

By telephone	0330 100 9712
By email	Please visit www.lv.com/pet-insurance/customer-support
	to complete your details on a handy webform, this'll help us get
	you through to someone who can help you.

In writing

LV= Pet PO Box 221 Huddersfield HD8 1FP United Kingdom

Other useful services

Pet health advice lv.com/pet-insurance/existing-customers/first-vet

Legal advice helpline

The phone number is on your Certificate of Insurance

Pet bereavement support service

0800 138 6533

Your Pet Insurance Terms and Conditions

These Terms and Conditions explain **your pet**'s cover. **We** explain different sections of cover, but some of these may not be included in **your** cover. A section is only included if it's shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance. It's important that **you** check **your pet**'s cover and contact **us** as soon as possible if it's not as **you** expected.

These Terms and Conditions are part of **your** insurance contract. The other parts are **your** Certificate of Insurance and **your** insurance application. To understand exactly what **your** insurance contract covers **you** must read **your** Certificate of Insurance and Insurance Product Information Document, together with these Terms and Conditions.

Definitions

Some words or phrases have a special meaning in the policy. These are shown below in alphabetical order. Whenever these words or phrases appear in bold in this document, or if they appear on **your** Certificate of Insurance, their meaning is below.

12 months	365 days calculated from, and including, the date your pet first received veterinary treatment for an injury or illness .
Covered countries	 The European Union (which is the member states of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden), and Andorra, Canary Islands, Gibraltar, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and Vatican State.
Family	 Your partner, who's your husband, wife, civil partner, girlfriend, boyfriend or other life partner, Your or your partner's child or step-child, and/or Your or your partner's parent, step-parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother and/or sister (including step-siblings).
Holiday/ journey	Travel with your pet within the UK and the other covered countries .
Home	The place in the UK where you and your pet usually live.



lllness, illnesses	Any sickness, disease, defect, abnormality and/or change from a healthy state. This includes any defect or abnormality which your pet was born with or which was passed on by his/her parents.
Immediate family	 Your partner, who's your husband, wife, civil partner, girlfriend, boyfriend or other life partner, Your or your partner's child or step-child, and/or Your or your partner's parent or step-parent.
Injury, injuries	Accidental physical damage or trauma caused immediately by an external source. Not any physical damage or trauma that happens over a period of time.
Maximum benefit	The most we 'll pay in a section of your pet 's cover as shown on your Certificate of Insurance.
Pet Travel Scheme (PETS)	A government system which allows people to take their pets to certain countries and return to the UK without the need for quarantine.
Policy year	The time during which we provide cover as shown on your Certificate of Insurance. This is normally 12 months but can be less if your pet has been added to, or cancelled from, your insurance.
Pre-existing condition	This is any injury that happened or any illness that showed symptoms , before your pet 's cover started. It's also any injury or illness that:
	• Has the same diagnosis or symptoms as the injury , illness or symptoms your pet had before cover started.
	 Is caused by or relates to an injury, illness or symptom your pet had before cover started.
	This applies in all cases regardless of whether or not:
	 The injury or illness presents in the same, or different parts of your pet's body.
	• Your vet confirms the past and current injuries or illnesses are, or are not, linked.
	• You knew, when starting cover for your pet, that you would need to make a claim for the symptom/injury/illness.

Symptom(s)	Any change from a healthy state, bodily function or behaviour.
Travel documents	The documentation required to travel with your pet to and from the covered countries , which is issued by a vet to comply with any requirements of the UK government, the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) and/or the country you 're travelling to.
Treatment	 The cost of the following when required to treat injury and/or illness: Any examination, consultation, advice, diagnostic procedure, surgery and nursing carried out by a vet, a veterinary nurse or another member of a veterinary practice under the supervision of a vet, and Any medication legally prescribed by a vet.
UK	England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.
Vet	 When your pet's in the UK – a Veterinary Surgeon who's registered with the RCVS (Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons). When your pet's in one of the covered countries – a fully qualified Veterinary Surgeon registered in the country where your pet's being treated.
Veterinary history	This is a record of all interactions a vet or veterinary nurse has had with your pet and can be obtained from each vet or veterinary practice that you 've consulted with about him/her.
Waiting period(s)	For any injuries , this is the first 48 hours of your pet 's first policy year . For any illnesses , this is the first 14 days of your pet 's first policy year .
We, our, us	Unless otherwise indicated, all references to we, our and us in these Terms and Conditions refer to Allianz Insurance plc.
You, your	The person named on your Certificate of Insurance.



Your dog	The dog named on your Certificate of Insurance.
Your pet	The dog or cat named on your Certificate of Insurance.
Worrying livestock	To chase or attack livestock on agricultural land in contravention of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 or The Animals Act 1971 (this includes any further amendments to these Acts). For the purpose of this insurance livestock includes (but isn't limited to) pigs, poultry and/or any grazing animals such as cattle, sheep and horses.

How your price can change

A number of factors impact **your** price, such as **your pet's** age, claims **you'**ve made, increased veterinary costs and advancements in veterinary medicine. These mean **your** price will increase at each policy renewal and over the lifetime of **your** policy. There could be a substantial impact on **your** renewal price depending on the combination of factors that have to be taken into consideration. Changing **your** address may also affect the price of **your** policy.

How your excess can change

The excess is the amount **you** pay when **you** claim and the excesses that apply for **your pet** are explained on **your** Certificate of Insurance. The 'Veterinary fees' and 'Liability to other people for injury and property damage' sections have an excess.

How we can change your excess	At any renewal we can change the excess amount. For example, increasing from £75 to £100.
How you can change your excess	We have options to change the 'Veterinary fees' excess. For example, you may be able to increase the excess you pay and reduce your premium.
	If you would like to find out more, please call us on 0330 100 9712 .

If you want to change your level of cover

We offer different types of cover and plans.

Changing to a higher level of cover	You can ask for this at the renewal of your policy. We'll then let you know if we can offer this cover once we've reviewed your pet's veterinary history.
Changing to a lower level of cover	You can do this at any time.

You can also change your 'Veterinary fees' excess. Please see 'How **your** excess can change' on page 7 for further details.

If **you'**d like to discuss moving your pet to a different plan or changing the 'Veterinary fees' excess, please call **us** on **0330 100 9712**.

Renewing your policy

Your policy is in force for 12 months providing you continue to pay for your cover. Every 12 months you need to renew this insurance contract to continue with your cover. We'll contact you before your renewal date with full details of the price you'll pay, the excesses and the Terms and Conditions for the next policy year.

If **you** pay by Direct Debit instalment, when **your** policy's due for renewal **we**'ll automatically renew it for **you**. If **you** don't want to renew **you** need to let **us** know before **your** renewal date. If **you** pay by any other means, **you** need to confirm **you** want to renew **your** policy and arrange to pay for **your** cover. **You** can do this by calling **us** on **0330 100 9712**.

At renewal of **your** policy **we** can change the following. **We**'ll always tell **you** before **your** renewal date of any changes so **you** can consider if **your** policy still meets **your** needs.

- The price you pay,
- The excesses **you** pay, and/or
- The Terms and Conditions of **your** policy.

We can also place exclusions because of **your pet**'s claims and **veterinary history**. It's important to read 'Extra exclusions that can apply to the cover for your pet' on page 10 which explains this in more detail.



For dogs, at renewal **we** can limit or remove 'Liability to other people for injury and property damage' cover based on a review of **your dog**'s behaviour. Including (but not limited to) any aggressive tendencies shown, any incidents where **your dog** has caused injury to a person/another animal or any health conditions which can affect how **your dog** behaves. 'Liability to other people for injury and property damage' cover isn't provided for any cat.

As your pet gets older

The 'Death of a pet from illness' section will be removed at the renewal following a dog's 9th birthday or a cat's 11th birthday. At this time all cover in this section will stop. **We**'ll remind **you** of this at least a year before it happens.

If your pet was unwell before your cover started – pre-existing conditions

Your policy doesn't cover any **pre-existing conditions**. This is when **your pet** was unwell or had **symptoms** before **your** cover started. A **pre-existing condition** is any **injury** that happened, or any **illness** that showed **symptoms**, before **your pet**'s cover started. It's also any **injury** or **illness** that:

- Has the same diagnosis or **symptoms** as the **injury**, **illness** or **symptoms your pet** had before cover started.
- Is caused by or relates to an **injury**, **illness** or **symptom your pet** had before cover started.

Some examples:

- Your pet was diagnosed with a skin allergy before your policy started, the skin allergy is a pre-existing condition.
- Before **your** policy started, **your pet** was limping and the **vet** decided to carry out some tests. In the meantime, **you** start a policy with **us**. The tests find **your pet** has arthritis. Anything related to this arthritis is classed as a **pre-existing condition** as the **symptoms** were shown before **your pet**'s policy started.

It's important to read our definition of 'Pre-existing condition' on page 5 as this'll be used to assess any claims **you** submit to determine if an **illness/injury** is pre-existing.

Extra exclusions that can apply to the cover for your pet

We can place exclusions on your policy based on your pet's individual veterinary history and your answers to our questions. Exclusions are specific to an individual pet and may refer to one or more health conditions, an entire part of your pet's body or an incident. They show when something isn't covered for your pet, when it would usually be covered under our policy.

For example, **our** policies cover veterinary **treatment** for arthritis, however if a pet:

- Has arthritis before their cover starts, this is a **pre-existing condition** and exclusions can be placed stating claims for arthritis and related conditions won't be covered.
- Starts to suffer from arthritis during cover, exclusions can be placed showing when the **12 month** claiming time frame will end and cover for arthritis (and any related conditions) stops.

The Terms and Conditions combined with any pet specific exclusions clearly show what **your** policy doesn't cover. If any specific exclusions have been added to **your pet**'s cover, they'll be stated on **your** Certificate of Insurance and **your** policy won't cover any claim which falls under any exclusion placed.

Exclusions can be placed:

At the start of your policy	We can place exclusions at the start of a policy for
	any pre-existing conditions. Please read 'If your pet
	was unwell before your cover started – pre-existing
	conditions' for more information about pre-existing
	conditions. This only applies to new policies which
	started from the 26th May 2022. Before this time
	pet specific exclusions weren't printed on your pet 's
	Certificate of Insurance.



Following a claim	You have a Time Limited policy, which provides cover for each illness/injury for 12 months only. It's important that you're aware when your policy limits have been reached and cover will no longer be provided. Therefore, when you claim, exclusions can be placed to show when the 12 month claiming time frame for an illness/injury will end and cover for it (and any related conditions) stops. These exclusions will show:
	 When your cover ends or ended for the injury/illness (because your 12 month limit has been reached), and The health condition(s) or part of your pet's body that's no longer covered from that time.
At renewal	At renewal, we ask certain questions about your pet's health and behaviour. This is because the 12 month time limit for claiming begins when your pet first receives treatment for an illness/injury. This is regardless of whether you claim for the treatment or not. If we haven't received a claim for the treatment, we still need to be told about the illness/injury so we can advise you when your cover for this will end and the health condition(s) or part of your pet's body that will no longer covered from that time. We can also can limit or remove 'Liability to other people for injury and property damage' cover at renewal, please read 'Renewing your policy' on page 8 for more information about that.

If **we** find out, that when **we** asked **you** for information (during **your** original application or at **your** renewal) **you**:

- Didn't tell **us** about something, or
- You provided inaccurate information (regardless of whether or not you thought it was accurate at the time)

We can add exclusions based on the new information we have. These will be added from the time they would've been placed had we been aware at **your** application or renewal.

Injuries and illnesses that happen in your waiting period

The **waiting period** is a time at the very start of **your** policy, where **injuries** and **illnesses** aren't covered. If **your pet** has an **injury** or **symptoms** of an **illness** in the **waiting period**, it won't be covered even if the **treatment** takes place after the **waiting period** has passed.

For injury	If your pet has an injury in the first 48 hours of their first policy year , we'll never cover any costs relating to that injury . This is whether treatment is needed in the first 48 hours or later on.
For illness	If your pet has symptoms of an illness in the first 14 days of their first policy year , we'll never cover any costs relating to that illness . This is whether treatment is needed within the first 14 days or later on.
	We also won't cover any illness with the same symptoms or diagnosis and this is regardless of:
	• Where the illness is seen - whether this is in the same or different area of the body.
	• When the illness develops - whether this is weeks, months or years later.
	• Whether your vet confirms the illnesses aren't directly related.

The **waiting periods** only apply at the start of **your pet**'s first **policy year**. There are no **waiting periods** at each renewal and cover for **illness** and **injury** is continuous from the previous **policy year**. For further details, please read 'If your pet's unwell in the waiting period' in the 'Veterinary fees' section on page 23.



Where your pet is covered – the geographical limits

All sections of **your** policy, apart from 'Liability to other people for injury and property damage' provide cover when **your pet**'s in the **UK** and the **covered countries** listed below. Cover for 'Liability to other people for injury and property damage' is only provided for dogs and is only in force when **your dog**'s in the **UK**.

Covered countries

The European Union	Andorra	Canary Islands	Gibraltar	Iceland
Liechtenstein	Norway	San Marino	Switzerland	Vatican State

Your pet's covered overseas for up to 180 days in each policy year.

You must:

If you don't, we can refuse the claim.

- Let **us** know as soon as possible if **your pet** will be outside of the **UK** for more than 180 days in a **policy year**. This can affect the cover **we** provide.
- When outside the UK follow any requirements of the UK government, the **Pet Travel Scheme (PETS)** and/or the country **you**'re travelling to. Full details of these can be found on the UK government website www.gov.uk/take-pet-abroad or **you** can call the Pet Travel Helpline on 0370 241 1710.
- Not take your pet outside the UK if a vet has advised against it.
- Make sure all claim forms and supporting documentation are written in English. You'll need to pay for any translation costs and when you claim you need to provide a copy of the original along with the translation.
- Let **us** know as soon as possible if **your pet** moves out of the **UK** to live in another country. **Your** cover will stop on the day **your pet** leaves the **UK**. The only time this won't happen is when **you**'ve spoken with **us** and **we**'ve agreed that **your** cover can continue for a short time.

We won't cover any costs:

- 1. If your pet left the UK to get treatment in another country.
- 2. Caused by any government or public authority putting restrictions on your pet.
- 3. That can be claimed back from anywhere else.

All claims will be paid in Pounds Sterling based on the mid-market exchange rates in use at the time the costs were incurred.

Making a claim

It's distressing when a much loved pet is ill or injured so **we** do all **we** can to make the claims process as quick and easy as possible. This section tells **you** how to make a claim.

If **you**'ve a valid claim under the 'Veterinary fees' section **we** can usually pay the veterinary practice direct.

Telling us about a claim or potential claim

For any sections, other than 'Liability to other people for injury and property damage' **you** don't need to contact **us** to let **us** know about a potential claim or that **you'**II be making a claim. **You** can simply send **us your** completed claim form and any supporting information **we'**ve asked for (shown in the 'You must' section **you**'re claiming under). Of course, if **you'**d like to discuss **your** claim **we'**re always happy to help.

You must call us as soon as possible if an incident happens that could lead to a claim under the 'Liability to other people for injury and property damage' section. For example (but not limited to) your dog causing injury to a third party or damaging third party property. You should call our specialist liability teams on 01483 218 781 for injury to a third party and 01483 218 782 for damage to third party property. The lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, excluding Bank Holidays.

When to send us your claim

You must send **us your** 'Veterinary fees' claim(s) no later than 12 months after **your pet** received **treatment**. If **you** don't, the claim won't be covered by the policy. For all other sections of cover, the 'You must' part of the section tells **you** when **you** need to send **us your** claim.

Getting a claim form

For 'Veterinary fees' claims, check with **your** veterinary practice to find out if they can submit an electronic claim directly to **us**, this is the fastest way for **you** to get paid. If they can't or **your** claim is for another section of cover **you** can get a claim form by:

Downloading from www.lv.com/pet-insurance/ customer-support

Emailing us claims@pet.lv.co.uk

Calling us
0330 100 9831

Writing to us LV= Pet PO Box 221 Huddersfield HD8 1FP United Kingdom

The claim form will tell **you** where to send this once complete.



Completing the claim form

Please make sure **your** claim is completed fully by both **you** and if applicable **your vet**, as **we** need this information to process **your** claim. If any information's missing, this'll delay **your** claim. Any supporting documentation stated in the 'You must' part of the relevant section must accompany **your** fully completed claim form.

You'll need to pay any fees made for the completion of claim forms or the cost of any supporting documentation as these costs aren't covered by the policy.

Claim decisions over the telephone

We don't guarantee on the phone if we'll pay a claim. Once we've received a fully completed claim form and all of the supporting information, we'll assess your claim and only then will we be able to let you know if we'll pay the claim.

Your excesses

The excess is the amount **you** pay when **you** claim. The 'Veterinary fees' and 'Liability to other people for injury and property damage' sections have an excess and these are explained on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

Pet health line

As an LV= pet insurance customer, **your** cover includes 24/7 free access to video consultations with qualified vets. This service is provided by FirstVet. Once **you**'ve registered, **you**'ll be able to speak with FirstVet's experienced vets on video consultations to receive advice, treatment recommendations and a referral to **your** local vet practice if needed – all from the comfort of **your** own home.

You can find out more by visiting lv.com/pet-insurance/existing-customers/first-vet.

Veterinary fees

Your pet's covered in this section when he/she is in the UK and the other covered countries (these can be found on page 13).

We'll pay the cost of the veterinary **treatment your pet** has received, during the **policy year**, to treat **illness** or **injury**. As **your pet** is covered on a Time Limited policy, there are restrictions on how long we'll cover each **illness** and **injury**.

How long we'll cover each illness and injury

Your cover has two limits and **we**'ll keep paying for an **injury** or **illness** until <u>one</u> of these limits has been reached:

- A time limit for how long you can claim for each injury or illness, and
- A monetary limit for how much **we**'ll pay for each **injury** or **illness** (this is called the **maximum benefit**).

The time limit:	Your policy covers the treatment of each illness and injury for 12 months . The 12 months start from when your pet first receives veterinary treatment for the injury or illness . After this time all cover for that injury or illness will stop.
The monetary limit:	Your policy provides a maximum amount of money for you to claim for each separate injury and illness . This is called the maximum benefit . The amount you can claim for each separate injury and illness is shown on your Certificate of Insurance.

To fully understand how the time limit and monetary limit will be applied **you** also need to read the below parts of this section, on pages 20, 21, 22 and 24:

- The way we work out the 12 month time limit and the maximum benefit
- After your policy limits have been reached
- Bilateral and related veterinary conditions
- Claims for medication



Complementary and alternative therapies

The 'Veterinary fees' section also covers the cost of the following therapies and the amount **we** pay for these will be taken out of **your** 'Veterinary fees' **maximum benefit**.

Complementary	Acupuncture	Chiropractic therapy	Hydrotherapy
therapies	Laser treatment	Osteopathy	Physiotherapy
	Shock wave therapy		
Alternative therapies	Herbal medicine	Homeopathy	

These therapies must be carried out by a **vet**. For the complementary therapies only, they can also be carried out by a therapist who **your vet** recommends and believes is suitably qualified.

There's a limit on the number of sessions **you** can claim for the stated complementary therapies. **We**'ll pay for 10 sessions of each therapy type, for each separate **injury** or **illness**. For example, if **your pet** has arthritis in his/her spine and a muscle **injury** to a leg, **you** can claim for:

- 10 sessions of hydrotherapy, 10 sessions of acupuncture, 10 sessions of physiotherapy etc for the arthritis, and
- 10 sessions of hydrotherapy, 10 sessions of acupuncture, 10 sessions of physiotherapy etc for the muscle **injury**

The 10 session limit doesn't apply for alternative therapies, and **you** have the full veterinary fees **maximum benefit** available for these.

The 'Veterinary fees' section also covers the cost of the following:

	Details can be found:
Special diet food	On page 24 in 'When we cover the cost of feeding your pet'
Dental treatment for injuries	On page 24 in 'When we cover dentistry'

You must pay:

The excess – this is the amount you pay when you claim and it's deducted from your claim settlement. The excess you pay is explained on your Certificate of Insurance; along with information on how this can change. We can change the excesses you pay at the renewal of your policy.

We have options to change the 'Veterinary fees' excess. For example, **you** may be able to increase the excess **you** pay and reduce your premium.

If you would like to find out more, please call us on 0330 100 9712.

You must:

If you don't, we can refuse the claim.

- Send us your claims no later than 12 months after your pet received treatment.
- When **you** claim, send **us** a fully completed claim form and:
 - Provide the invoices from the veterinary practice or professional which show what you're claiming for.
 - If it's the first claim you're making for your pet, provide his/her full veterinary history. There are claims for certain illnesses/injuries where we'll also need this, but we'll let you know in these cases once we've received your claim.
 - For veterinary fees when your pet was outside the UK, provide the booking invoice or another official document which shows the dates of your holiday.



We won't pay for:

- Any routine or preventative treatments recommended by a vet to prevent injury or illness. We also won't pay for any complications that result from these procedures. For example (but not limited to), we won't pay for the cost of vaccinations, grooming, nail clipping, bathing, de-matting, killing/controlling fleas and worms and general health improvers (examples of health improvers are vitamin tablets or fish oil supplements).
- 2. Any costs related to any **illness/injury** shown as not covered (excluded) on **your** Certificate of insurance. It's important to read 'Extra exclusions that can apply to the cover for your pet' on page 10 for more information.
- **3.** False pregnancy if **your pet** has already received **treatment** for more than two false pregnancies.
- **4**. Any **treatment** connected with a retained testicle(s) if **your pet** was over 12 weeks of age when the cover started.
- 5. Any treatment in connection with breeding, pregnancy or giving birth.
- 6. Any behavioural problem or illness.
- 7. Pheromone products, for example (but not limited to) Adaptil and Feliway.
- Buying or hiring any type of equipment, machinery, animal housing, bedding or cages. Examples of equipment are (but not limited to) home glucose monitors, heat pads etc.
- **9**. Any **treatment** or procedure that **you** choose to have carried out, which the **vet** confirms isn't necessary or isn't related to an **injury** or **illness**. **We** also won't pay for any complications that arise from the **treatment**/procedure.
- **10**. Any transplant surgery, including any pre and post-operative care.
- **11**. Any **treatment** that's part of a clinical trial. For the purpose of this insurance, a clinical trial is a research project testing a new **treatment**.
- **12**. A post-mortem examination and/or report.

The way we work out the 12 month time limit and the maximum benefit

Please read 'How long we will cover each injury and illness' on page 16 before reading the wording in this section.

For injuries:	The 12 months cover and the maximum benefit start from the date your pet first received veterinary treatment for the injury . If your pet has more than one injury and:
	• They're diagnosed as the same injury , or
	They happen at the same time, or
	• They're caused by, or relate to, one another,
	One period of 12 months and one maximum benefit apply for all of the injuries . In this case, the 12 months of cover and the maximum benefit start from the date your pet started to receive veterinary treatment for the first injury .
For illnesses:	The 12 months cover and the maximum benefit start from the date your pet first received veterinary treatment for the illness or symptoms .
	If your pet has suffered from the same symptoms or has been diagnosed with the same illness in the past, the 12 months cover and the maximum benefit starts from the very first time your pet received veterinary treatment for the symptoms/illness . This applies in all cases regardless of whether:
	• Your vet states the past and current illnesses are not linked, and/ or
	 The symptoms/illness presents in the same or different part of your pet's body.



After your policy limits have been reached

Please read 'How long we will cover each injury and illness' on page 16 before reading the wording in this section.

If we've paid for either the cost of treatment for 12 months or the maximum benefit we won't pay for any more treatment for that injury or illness. We also won't pay for any injury or illness which:

- Is caused by or related to it, or
- Has the same diagnosis.

This applies in all cases regardless of whether:

- Your vet states the past and current illness are, or are not, linked, and/or
- The injury or illness presents in the same or different part of your pet's body.

For example (but not limited to), if **your pet** has damage to a cruciate ligament (either due to an **injury** or an **illness**) in the left hind leg, after **we**'ve paid for **treatment** for either **12 months** or the **maximum benefit**, **we** won't cover any further veterinary **treatment** to the cruciate ligament in either the left or right hind legs.



Bilateral and related veterinary conditions

Bilateral body parts affected by the same illness/injury	Bilateral body parts are where the pet has two of the same body parts, one on each side of the body. For example (but not limited to) the ears, eyes, knees, cruciate ligaments etc. If your pet has the same illness/injury in both of the bilateral body parts, these will be treated as one (and the same) injury/illness . This applies if the illness/injury presents in both body parts at the same time or if they show in one body part at one time and the other at another time (days, weeks, months or years apart). For example (but not limited to), if your pet has damage to his/her right cruciate ligament and then 6 months later has damage to his/her left cruciate ligament, the damage to both will be classed as one (and the same) illness/injury .
Related illnesses and injuries	 Some illnesses and injuries can be related to one another and where this happens we'll treat these as one (and the same) veterinary condition. Some examples (but not limited to), if your pet: Damages a cruciate ligament he/she has a greater chance of damaging the other cruciate ligament and suffering from stifle joint arthritis in the future. Under this policy the damage to the two cruciate ligaments and the arthritis are all related to one another and we'll treat these all as one (and the same) veterinary condition. Fractures a bone in a joint, he/she has a greater chance of suffering from arthritis in that joint in the future. Under this policy the joint fracture and joint arthritis are related to one another and we'll treat them both as one (and the same) veterinary condition. Has a growth on his/her back and gets the same type of growth on his/her leg. Under this policy these are related to one another and we'll treat them both as one (and the same) veterinary condition. Suffers from recurring ear infections (in one or both ears). Under this policy these are related to one another and we'll treat them all as one (and the same) veterinary condition.
When your pet has more than one injury/illness	 They'll be treated as one (and the same) veterinary condition, if: They're diagnosed as the same injury/illness, or They're caused by, or relate to, one another, or For injuries only, they happen at the same time.

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The information on page 22 applies regardless of whether **your vet** states the **injuries/illnesses** are, or are not, related or the **injury/symptoms/illness** presents in the same or different part of **your pet**'s body.

When treated as one (and the same) veterinary condition/injury/illness, one period of **12 months** and one **maximum benefit** will be applied for all the **treatment**. The **12 months** of cover and the **maximum benefit** will begin when **your pet** starts veterinary **treatment** for the first **illness/injury**.

If your pet was unwell before your cover started

Your policy doesn't cover any pre-existing condition. This is when your pet was unwell or had symptoms before your cover started. Any injury that happened, or any illness that showed symptoms, before your pet's cover started is classed as a pre-existing condition. It's important to read 'lf your pet was unwell before your cover started – pre-existing conditions' on page 9 and our definition of 'Pre-existing condition' on page 5 as these will be used to assess any claims you submit to determine if a condition is pre-existing.

If your pet's unwell in the waiting period

The **waiting period** is a time at the very start of your policy, where **injuries** and **illnesses** aren't covered.

Injury

If your pet has an injury in the first 48 hours of their first policy year, we'll never cover any costs relating to that injury. This is whether your pet needs treatment within the first 48 hours or later on.

An example is, **your pet** falls and damages his/her leg in the first 48 hours of **your policy** starting. He/she needs some **treatment** straight away and some follow up **treatment** 2 and 4 weeks later. All of this **treatment** isn't covered by **your policy** as it's related to the **injury** in the first 48 hours.

Illness

If your pet has symptoms of an illness in the first 14 days of their first policy year, we'll never cover any costs relating to that illness. This is whether treatment is needed within the first 14 days or later on.

We also won't cover any **illness** with the same **symptoms** or diagnosis and this is regardless of:

- Where the **illness** is seen whether this is in the same or different area of the body.
- When the **illness** develops whether this is weeks, months or years later.
- Whether **your vet** confirms the **illnesses** aren't directly related.

An example is, if **your pet** starts limping in their right hind leg in the first 14 days of the first **policy year**, which is found to be due to hip dysplasia. This isn't covered in the right hind and **we** also won't cover any hip dysplasia in the left hind.

Claims for medication

We'll cover the cost of medicines or materials which have been prescribed to be used during the **12 month** time limit. This is **12 months** from the date your pet first received veterinary treatment for the injury or illness.

When we cover the cost of feeding your pet

We'll cover the cost of food for your pet when it's being used as an alternative to medication and to treat an injury/ illness. When you claim, your vet must explain what medication the food is replacing; if not, the cost of the food won't be covered.

When we cover dentistry

We cover the cost of **treatment** for dental or gum problems which are caused by an accidental **injury**. For example (but not limited to), when **your pet**'s teeth are healthy and a tooth is fractured due to the chewing of something hard or his/her face being accidentally hit on a hard surface.

We won't pay for:

- Any dental or gum problems which are caused by illness or any reason other than an accident/injury.
 For example (but not limited to), we won't cover any costs due to periodontal disease, gingivitis, a build-up of tartar etc.
- Any damage to decayed teeth, even when caused by an accident/injury. A decayed tooth is weaker and is more prone to accidental damage.

• Any scaling and polishing of the teeth or any other routine or preventative dental treatments.

The only exception to the above is that we'll cover the cost to remove the first milk teeth when **your pet** is 6 months or older providing he/she was under 16 weeks old when the cover started.

When we cover the cost of neutering your pet

We cover the cost of neutering your pet if the procedure is carried out when your pet's suffering from an injury or illness and neutering is essential to treat that injury or illness.

We don't cover the cost of:

- Routine neutering
- Spaying following a false pregnancy
- Neutering to treat a behavioural problem
- Chemical neutering

If any complications happen during, or after, the neutering, **we**'ll only cover the cost of **treatment** needed to deal with the complications if the neutering itself is covered by the policy.

When we cover house calls

We cover the cost of a house call if the visit was by a **vet** and the **vet** confirms the house call was essential because moving **your pet** would've seriously worsened his/her condition. **Your vet** will need to confirm this when **you** claim. If not, **we**'ll only pay the charges that would've applied if **you**'d taken **your pet** to the veterinary practice.



If the house call was by a mobile **vet** and the above criteria isn't met, the cost of **treatment** is covered but the **vets** travel costs aren't. In this case, if the travel and treatment costs are combined on the invoice, **we**'ll only pay 60% of the consultation costs.

When we cover out of hours treatment and/or hospitalisation

We cover the cost of your pet being:

- Treated outside of the veterinary practice normal opening hours, and/ or
- Admitted into the care of a veterinary practice (also known as hospitalisation)

If the **vet** confirms this was essential, as not doing this would've seriously worsened **your pet**'s condition.

Your vet will need to confirm this when you claim, if not:

- For out of hours treatment, we'll only cover the charges that would've applied during normal opening hours.
- For hospitalisation, we won't cover any costs while your pet was hospitalised.

When we cover the cost of transporting your pet to, or from, a veterinary practice

We cover these costs if:

- The vet confirms this was essential, as not doing this would've seriously worsened your pet's condition, and
- The transportation was provided by either a veterinary practice or a pet ambulance service who your veterinary practice recommended.

Your vet will need to confirm this when **you** claim, if not the transportation costs won't be covered.

If your pet's put to sleep

We cover the cost of your pet being put to sleep, when it's carried out because your vet believes the injury or illness your pet was suffering from couldn't be successfully treated.

We won't cover the cost if your pet's put to sleep because of his/her behaviour, an order by the government or another official body or where there's a nationwide shortage of the **treatment** needed for the **illness**.

The cost of cremation or burial

We don't cover any costs for cremation or burial.

Administration fees and charges

We don't cover the cost of any administration fees or charges. This includes (but isn't limited to):

- Fees for the completion of claim forms or claim submissions.
- Fees for supplying supporting documentation.
- Late payment fees or interest.
- Any amount over £10 for postage and packaging.

We'll deduct these from the claim settlement.

When we cover joint replacements and artificial body parts

We cover the cost of hip, knee and elbow joint replacements. We don't cover the cost of any other artificial body part (also known as prothesis) or any costs which are related in any way to any other artificial body part.

We can ask another vet to review your pet's details

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

When we'll give information to your veterinary practice

If a veterinary practice asks **us** for information about **your** insurance cover and **we** agree to provide it, **we**'ll only do this if the veterinary practice confirms they:

- Recently provided treatment for your pet, or
- Have spoken with **you** about providing **treatment** for **your pet** in the near future.

In these cases, **we**'ll only tell the veterinary practice if **you** have an active insurance policy with **us** for **your pet**, and if **you** do – the date cover started, the type of cover in place, the monetary limits of **your** policy, the excesses **you** pay and if any exclusions have been placed on **your** cover.

When your pet is outside the UK

We cover the cost of the veterinary treatment your pet receives when he/she is outside the UK, in one of the covered countries (stated on page 13), when a vet believes the treatment can't be delayed until his/her return home.

There are more conditions, requirements and limitations when **your pet**'s outside of the **UK** and these can be found in 'Where your pet is covered – the geographical limits', which starts on page 13.



Legal advice helpline

Access to Lawphone which provides advice, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, on any personal legal matter. The advice **you** get from Lawphone will always be according to the laws of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. **We** may record the calls for **your** and **our** mutual protection and **our** training purposes.

The contact telephone number for Lawphone is shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance. When **you** call Lawphone, please quote the policy reference 36913. **You'**II be asked for a brief summary of the problem and these details will be passed on to an adviser who'll return **your** call.

Liability to other people for injury and property damage (dogs only)

Your dog's covered in this section when he/she is in the UK only

This section doesn't apply for cats. It applies to all dogs, unless it's been specifically removed and excluded from **your dog**'s cover. It's important that **you** check **your dog**'s Certificate of Insurance, including the exclusions and contact **us** as soon as possible if it's not as **you** expected.

In this section '**you**' and '**your**' mean **you** or any person looking after or handling **your dog** with **your** permission.

If property is damaged, or someone is killed, injured or falls ill as a result of an incident involving **your dog** during the **policy year** and **you**'re legally responsible, **we**'ll pay:

- Compensation and claimant's costs and expenses, and
- Legal costs and expenses for defending a claim against you.

The **maximum benefit we**'ll pay for each incident is shown in **your** Certificate of Insurance.

There's no cover in this section when you're paying a business or professional to care for your dog

This section doesn't provide any cover when **your dog**'s in the care of a business or a professional and **you**'re paying for their services. For example, but not limited to, when **your dog**'s in the care of a dog minder, a dog sitter or at the grooming parlour. Therefore, to make sure **you**'re protected **you** should check that any business/ professional caring for **your dog** has:

- The appropriate third party liability insurance cover, and
- Tell them if **your dog** has any behavioural problems or requires any special handling so they're able to handle **your dog** in an appropriate manner.

There's no cover in this section when your dog's taken out to work with someone

This section doesn't provide any cover when **your dog**'s taken out to work with someone. There's no cover when **your dog**'s in the work premise/environment. For example (but not limited to), this section doesn't provide cover when **your dog**'s in an office, a shop (and he/she's with a person working there), a building site, a client's house, in a van for deliveries etc. **You** may want to speak with **your** employer, or if **you'**re self-employed **your** business insurance provider, to check if **your dog**'s actions in a work premises/environment are covered by another insurance policy.

This doesn't apply when **you**'re working from home. In this situation, the cover in this section is in force but it's important to know that **we** won't cover:

- Any injury to a person who's in **your** house/**home** office for a work or business reason.
- Any damage to any property:
 - That's used for any work or business reason (for example, but not limited to, company laptops/equipment, stock etc)
 - That belongs to anyone that you live with, is a member of your immediate family or is employed by you.



Useful information if an incident occurs

We understand that if **your dog**'s in an incident it can be a difficult experience. There are steps **you** can take to help **us** with any claim, including:

- Note the time, date and location
- In as much detail as **you** can remember, note down the circumstances and what happened
- Take down details of the property damaged or the injuries that occurred
- Obtain third party contact and insurance details
- Take pictures
- Obtain the details of any witnesses

You must pay:

The excess – this is the amount you pay when you claim and it's explained on your Certificate of Insurance. We can change the excess you pay at the renewal of your policy.

You must:

If you don't, we can refuse the claim.

- Not admit responsibility and/or negotiate. **You**, or anyone acting on **your** behalf, must not admit responsibility, agree to pay any amount (including any third party veterinary bills or expenses) or negotiate with any person following an incident.
- Call us as soon as possible if:
 - An incident happens which could lead to a claim under this section. For example (but not limited to) **your dog** causing injury to a third party or damaging third party property. **You** must tell **us** about an incident even if **you** don't believe that a claim is being, or will be, made against **you**.
 - **You**, or any other person, are advised of any prosecution, inquest or enquiry which could lead to a claim under this section.

You should call our specialist liability teams on **01483 218 781** for injury to a third party and **01483 218 782** for damage to third party property. The lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, excluding Bank Holidays. You'll need to provide us with a description of the circumstances as well as the details of any other insurance cover that may apply, for example (but not limited to), your home and contents insurance.

• Report the incident to any other insurance company under which **you**'re entitled to claim, for example (but not limited to) **your** home and contents insurance. **You** must tell **us** their name and address and **your** policy and claim number with them. **We** won't make any payment for any claim that results from an incident covered by any other insurance.

- Immediately send **us** any writ, summons or legal documents **you** receive. **You** or any other person must not respond to any of these documents.
- Provide **us** with any information connected with the claim **we** ask for including details of **your dog**'s history.
- Tell **us** or help **us** find out all the circumstances of an incident that results in a claim, provide written statements and go to court if needed.
- Allow **us** to take charge of **your** claim and to prosecute in **your** name for **our** benefit.

We won't pay any compensation, costs and expenses:

- 1. For defending **you** if **we**'ve not agreed beforehand.
- 2. For an incident which involves your profession, occupation or business.
- **3.** For an incident which involves the profession, occupation or business of anyone who's employed by **you** or anyone who works for **you** in any way.
- 4. For an incident that happens where you work.
- 5. For an incident which takes place when **your dog**'s in the care of a business or a professional and **you**'re paying for their services. For example, but not limited to, when **your dog**'s in the care of a dog minder, a dog sitter or at the grooming parlour.
- 6. If you're legally responsible only because of a contract you've entered into.
- 7. If you're the person who's killed, injured or falls ill.
- 8. If the person who's killed, injured of falls ill lives with **you**, is a member of **your immediate family** or is employed by **you**.
- 9. If the property damaged belongs to **you**, any person who lives with **you**, a member of **your immediate family** or a person who's employed by **you**.
- **10.** If **you**, a member of **your immediate family** or any person who lives with **you** or is employed by **you** is responsible for, or looking after, the property that's damaged.
- That result from an incident if you've not followed instructions or advice given to you by the re-homing organisation or a qualified behaviourist about the behaviour of your dog.
- **12.** If the incident happens in an area or place where dogs are specifically prohibited, unless **your dog** escapes and enters the area outside of **your** control.
- **13.** For an incident caused by **your dog worrying livestock**.
- **14.** For any claim that results from an incident covered by any other insurance.
- **15.** If **you**'re deemed responsible under the laws of any country other than the **UK**.
- **16.** For air, water or soil pollution, unless it can be proven that the pollution took place immediately after and as a result of an accident caused by **your dog**.



We can remove cover for 'Liability to other people for injury and property damage' at renewal

At renewal **we** can limit or remove this cover based on a review of **your dog**'s behaviour. For example (but not limited to) any aggressive tendencies shown, any incidents where **your dog** has caused injury to a person/another animal or any health conditions which can affect how **your dog** behaves. If there's a change to **your** cover, **we**'ll write to **you** explaining the change **we**'ve made.

At each renewal, **we** ask **you** about **your dog**'s behaviour. The things **you** need to tell **us** about are detailed in **your** Certificate of Insurance. **You** must provide **us** with the full and accurate information, if **you** don't it can result in a claim not being paid or affect the cover **we** provide.

Pet bereavement support service

No one can prepare **you** for the loss of a beloved pet. Sometimes it helps to talk to someone who understands. The Blue Cross Pet Bereavement Support Service can help. **You** can call them at **0800 138 6533** between 8.30am and 8.30pm, or email pbssmail@bluecross.org.uk.

Death of your pet

Your pet's covered in this section when he/she is in the UK and the other covered countries (these can be found on page 13).

From an illness

If your pet dies or has to be put to sleep by a vet during the policy year to prevent suffering from an illness, we'll reimburse the amount you paid or donated for your pet (up to the maximum benefit shown on your Certificate of Insurance).

The section only applies if it's shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance. **We**'ll automatically remove this section at the renewal following **your dog**'s 9th birthday or **your** cat's 11th birthday. At this time all cover in this section will stop.

From an accident

If your pet dies or has to be put to sleep by a vet during the policy year to prevent suffering from an accidental injury, we'll reimburse the amount you paid or donated for your pet (up to the maximum benefit shown on your Certificate of Insurance).

The section will stay on **your** policy.

Your policy has a time limit and you can only claim for each **illness/injury** for **12 months**. This means that this section will only provide cover if **your pet** dies or is put to sleep within **12 months** of **your pet** first receiving veterinary **treatment** for the **illness** or **injury** which caused his/her death. It's important to read 'The way we work out the **12 month** time limit' on page 33, for further information.

If **we** pay a claim under this section, **we**'ll automatically cancel **your** policy from the day after **your pet**'s death and refund any amount **you**'ve paid for cover after this time.

You must:

If you don't, we can refuse the claim.

- Send us your claim no later than 12 months after the death of your pet.
- When you claim, send us a fully completed claim form and:
 - Provide evidence of the amount **you** paid or donated for **your pet**.
 - If your pet was put to sleep, provide confirmation from your vet that this was necessary.
 - If your pet dies, provide confirmation from your vet of your pet's passing. If your vet can't do this, you need to provide a statement from an independent witness confirming your pet's death.

We won't pay if your pet's death was caused by:

- 1. A pre-existing condition. It's important to read 'If your pet was unwell before your cover started pre-existing conditions' on page 9 and our definition of 'Pre-existing condition' on page 5 for further information.
- **2.** An **illness** or **injury** that was noticed in the **waiting period**. It's important to read 'Injuries and illnesses that happen in your waiting period' on page 12 for more information.
- 3. A behavioural problem.
- 4. Breeding, pregnancy or giving birth.



The way we work out the 12 month time limit

Your policy has a time limit for how long **you** can claim; **you** can claim for each **illness** and **injury** for **12 months** only. After this time all cover for that **injury** or **illness** will stop. This means that this section will only provide cover if **your pet** dies or is put to sleep within this **12 month** time limit.

For injuries:	The 12 months cover will start from the date your pet first received veterinary treatment for the injury . If your pet has more than one injury and:
	 They're diagnosed as the same injury, or They happen at the same time, or They're caused by, or relate to, one another, One period of 12 months will apply for all of the injuries. In this case the 12 months of cover will start from the date your pet started to receive veterinary treatment for the first injury.
For illnesses:	 The 12 months cover will start from the date your pet first received veterinary treatment for the illness or symptoms. If your pet has suffered from the same symptoms or has been diagnosed with the same illness in the past, the 12 months cover will start from the very first time your pet received veterinary treatment for the symptoms/illness. This applies in all cases regardless of whether: Your vet states the past and current illnesses are not linked, and/or The symptoms/illness presents in the same or different part of
	 The symptoms/illness presents in the same or different part of your pet's body.

Loss of your pet by theft or straying

Your pet's covered in this section when he/she is in the UK and the other covered countries (these can be found on page 13).

If **your pet** goes missing or is stolen during the **policy year**, **we**'ll reimburse the amount **you** paid or donated for **your pet** (up to the **maximum benefit** shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance) if he/she doesn't return within 45 days.

You must:

If you don't, we can refuse the claim.

- If you believe your pet's been stolen notify the police within 24 hours and get a crime reference number.
- For all dogs contact your local dog warden or council within 2 days of finding out your dog's missing.
- For all pets contact your microchip provider within 5 days of finding out your pet's missing. If your pet isn't microchipped, you must tell at least one veterinary practice in the area where he/she was last seen.
- Try and find **your pet** by advertising his/her loss. **Your** policy includes cover for advertising and reward (page 35) which can help with these costs.

You need to send us evidence of the above 4 bullets when you claim.

- Send **us your** claim no later than 12 months after **your pet** went missing. **You** can send **us your** claim once **your pet** has been missing for 45 days.
- When **you** claim, send **us** a fully completed claim form and provide evidence of the amount **you** paid or donated for **your pet** and the evidence stated above.
- If **your pet** returns pay **us** back any amount **we** paid under this section, within the timescales **we** and **you** agree.
- Not freely part with your pet.

Keeping your policy running while your pet's missing

You can keep your policy running for as long as you like after your pet goes missing to protect against injuries, illnesses or incidents which happen while he/she is away. We'll continue with your policy providing you pay for your cover and renew your policy (without a break in cover). We won't automatically stop your pet's cover if we pay a loss claim. If you want to stop your pet's cover you need to let us know.



Advertising and reward

Your pet's covered in this section when he/she is in the UK and the other covered countries (these can be found on page 13).

If **your pet** goes missing or is stolen during the **policy year**, **we**'ll reimburse the cost for advertising his/her loss and the reward paid.

We'll pay up to the maximum benefit shown on your Certificate of Insurance for all incidents during the **policy year**. Within this maximum benefit you can claim up to £500 for a reward.

You must:

If you don't, we can refuse the claim.

- If you believe your pet's been stolen notify the police within 24 hours and get a crime reference number.
- For all dogs contact your local dog warden or council within 2 days of finding out your dog's missing.
- For all pets contact your microchip provider within 5 days of finding out your pet's missing. If your pet isn't microchipped, you must tell at least one veterinary practice in the area where he/she was last seen.

You need to send us evidence of the above 3 bullets when you claim.

- Send us your claim no later than 12 months after your pet went missing.
- When **you** claim, send **us** a fully completed claim form and provide details of the reward paid (what **we** need is stated below in 'Paying a reward') and evidence of the amount paid for advertising.
- Not freely part with your pet.

Paying a reward

You can provide a reward by giving the person who found your pet:

- Money (for example, but not limited to, cash or a bank transfer). **You** must get a receipt giving the full name, address, telephone number or email address and the signature of the person who found **your pet**. **You** must submit this with **your** claim.
- A gift (for example, but not limited to, a hamper, a bunch of flowers etc). If **you** do this, the most **we**'ll pay for the gift is £100. **You** must provide **your** receipt for the gift.

We won't reimburse any reward which has been paid to anyone who:

- Is a member of your family
- Is living or staying with you
- Is employed by you
- Was looking after **your pet** when he/she was lost or stolen
- Is travelling with you
- Stole your pet
- Is in collusion with the person who stole your pet

Making your own posters and advertising material

If **you** or **your family** make **your** own posters and/or advertising material, **we**'ll pay up to £50 in each **policy year** for materials for this purpose. For example (but not limited to) paper, a printer cartridge, weatherproof folders, tape to display the posters etc.

Using the services of another party to find your pet

We'll cover the cost of another party producing missing posters/leaflets and advertising the loss of **your pet** on the internet and social media. We won't cover any costs for any other services provided by another party (such as a person, company, organisation or pet detective). For example (but not limited to) we won't cover any costs for another party to:

- Search for your pet (either on foot, with search dogs or equipment)
- To produce anything other than posters/leaflets
- To communicate with people about the loss or to report **your pet** missing to other people/organisations (other than to advertise on the internet and social media)
- To distribute/display advertising materials



Boarding or pet minding fees

Your pet's covered in this section when he/she is in the UK and the other covered countries (these can be found on page 13).

If **you** or a member of **your immediate family** (who lives with **you**) are hospitalised for two or more consecutive days, during the **policy year**, this section reimburses the cost of:

- Boarding your pet at a licensed boarding establishment, or
- £30 a day towards the cost of someone looking after your pet.

We provide this cover:

- When you or your immediate family member are in hospital, and
- For 14 days after discharge if help is still needed to look after **your pet** either because **you** or **your immediate family** member is still too ill or has rehabilitation care in another facility.

We'll pay up to the **maximum benefit** shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance for all hospitalisation during the **policy year**.

You must:

If you don't, we can refuse the claim.

- Send us your claim no later than 12 months after the stay in hospital.
- When you claim, send us a fully completed claim form and provide:
 - Receipts showing the amount paid for the care of **your pet** and the dates for the costs.
 - Confirmation from the doctor/hospital showing the dates of the hospital stay and the condition/symptoms that led to the stay. This may be on the medical documentation given when leaving the hospital. If care was provided in a rehabilitation facility (after the hospital stay) we also need some documentation showing the dates of the stay at the facility.

In the following section when **we** state '**you**', **we** mean **you** or the member of **your immediate family**, who lives with **you**, and who was hospitalised.

We won't pay if:

- 1. You were aware at the time of your pet's cover starting that you would need to be hospitalised.
- 2. You were hospitalised for the illness or injury in the six months prior to the start of your pet's cover.
- 3. The person looking after your pet lives with you or is a member of your family.
- **4.** The stay in hospital was due to a cosmetic procedure.





Holiday cancellation

Your pet's covered in this section when he/she is in the UK and the other covered countries (these can be found on page 13).

This section reimburses travel and accommodation expenses that **you** can't recover, for **you** and **your immediate family**, if during the **policy year**, **you**:

- 1. Cancel your holiday because in the 14 days before you were due to leave, your pet:
 - Suffers a serious and unexpected deterioration in his/her health and needs urgent veterinary **treatment**
 - Goes missing and doesn't return before your scheduled departure date
 - Who was due to travel with you, dies
- 2. Return home early from your holiday, because while you're away, your pet:
 - Who has stayed at **home** or travelled with **you**, suffers a serious and unexpected deterioration in his/her health and needs urgent veterinary **treatment**
 - Who has stayed at home, goes missing

We'll pay up to the **maximum benefit** shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance for all **holidays** during the **policy year**.

You must:

If you don't, we can refuse the claim.

- Send **us your** claim no later than 12 months after **your holiday** was cancelled or **you** returned home.
- When you claim, send us a fully completed claim form and provide:
 - Evidence from a **vet** for the reason **your holiday** was cancelled/cut short.
 - Documents showing the dates of travel and the cancellation costs/charges incurred.

We won't pay any costs:

- 1. Caused by a **pre-existing condition.** It's important to read 'If your pet was unwell before your cover started pre-existing conditions' on page 9 and **our** definition of 'Pre-existing condition' on page 5 for further information.
- 2. Caused by an **illness** or **injury** that was noticed in the **waiting period**. It's important to read 'Injuries and illnesses that happen in your waiting period' on page 12 for more information.
- **3.** If **your pet** dies before **you**'re scheduled to leave and **your pet** wasn't going to be travelling with **you**.
- **4.** Caused by an **injury** or **illness** that isn't covered under the 'Veterinary fees' section of **your** policy.

There are more conditions, requirements and limitations when **your pet**'s outside of the **UK** and these can be found in 'Where your pet is covered – the geographical limits', which starts on page 13.





Overseas emergency transport and accommodation costs

Your pet's covered in this section when he/she is outside the UK in one of covered countries (these can be found on page 13).

This section reimburses **you** for additional accommodation and transport costs for **you** and **your pet** (on the same basis that **you** had previously booked, for example the same class flights and type of accommodation), if:

- 1. Your pet's injured or shows the first symptoms of an illness during your holiday and isn't able to travel home as originally planned. If your pet dies, we'll also reimburse the cost of returning his/her body home or the cost of cremation in that country.
- 2. You miss your scheduled departure date back to the UK because:
 - Your pet goes missing in the three days immediately before your departure date. We'll pay the additional costs for up to four days.
 - Your pet's travel documents are lost/stolen or your pet's microchip fails and you have to get the necessary paperwork to allow your pet back into the UK.
 - Your pet's tapeworm treatment has to be repeated because your scheduled departure date was delayed by your carrier. We'll also reimburse the cost of getting your pet's tapeworm treatment repeated.

We'll pay up to the **maximum benefit** shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance for all **holidays** during the **policy year**.

You must:

If you don't, we can refuse the claim.

- Send us your claim no later than 12 months after the date your pet returns home.
- Make sure your pet's microchip meets the standard ISO 11784 or ISO 11785.
- Keep **your** unattended **travel documents** in locked accommodation or in the boot, covered luggage area or glove compartment of a locked vehicle.
- Report the loss of **your pet**'s **travel documents** to the issuing **vet**. **You** must provide evidence that this was done.
- Make sure the first tapeworm **treatment** was carried out in the timescale required under the **Pet Travel Scheme (PETS)**.

Overseas emergency transport and accommodation costs - continued

- When you claim, send us a fully completed claim form and provide:
 - Documents/receipts showing the additional costs **you** paid.
 - If your pet's travel documents were lost/stolen, the evidence showing the loss was reported to the issuing vet.
 - If your pet was unwell, evidence from a vet that your pet was too ill to travel home as originally planned and confirmation of the earliest date your pet was considered fit enough to travel.
 - If you had to get a repeat tapeworm treatment for your pet, evidence showing it wasn't possible to have your pet treated again and catch the rescheduled departure.

We won't pay any costs:

- **1.** For more than 14 days of accommodation and over £75 for each day's accommodation.
- 2. For any accommodation before your original date of travel home.
- 3. For food for any person or pet.
- **4.** Relating to the repeat tapeworm treatment if the delay in **your** departure date was caused by anything **you** have or haven't done.
- 5. Caused by an **injury** or **illness** that isn't covered under the 'Veterinary fees' section of **your** policy.

There are more conditions, requirements and limitations when **your pet**'s outside of the **UK** and these can be found in 'Where your pet is covered – the geographical limits', which starts on page 13.



Quarantine costs and loss of travel documents

Your pet's covered in this section when he/she is outside the UK in one of covered countries (these can be found on page 13).

This section reimburses the cost to keep **your pet** in quarantine and/or the costs of getting new **travel documents** for him/her, if:

- Your pet's microchip fails
- Your pet has to go into quarantine because of illness
- Your pet's travel documents are lost or stolen during your holiday

We'll pay up to the maximum benefit shown on your Certificate of Insurance for all journeys in the policy year. Within this maximum benefit you can claim up to £250 in each policy year for replacement travel documents.

You must:

If you don't, we can refuse the claim.

- Send us your claim no later than 12 months after the date your pet returns home.
- Make sure your pet's microchip meets the standard ISO 11784 or ISO 11785.
- Keep **your** unattended **travel documents** in locked accommodation or in the boot, covered luggage area or glove compartment of a locked vehicle.
- Report the loss of **your pet**'s **travel documents** to the issuing **vet**. **You** must provide evidence that this was done.
- When you claim, send us a fully completed claim form and provide:
 - The evidence stated in the bullet above
 - Documents/receipts showing the dates and costs you paid

We won't pay any costs:

- 1. Caused by an injury that happens or an illness first showing symptoms before the start of your holiday.
- 2. Caused by your pet's behaviour, mental/emotional problem or vicious tendencies.

There are more conditions, requirements and limitations when **your pet**'s outside of the **UK** and these can be found in 'Where your pet is covered – the geographical limits', which starts on page 13.

General conditions – these apply to the whole of your policy

You must keep to these conditions to have the full protection of your policy. If you don't, and the condition you've not kept to relates to a claim, we can refuse the claim.

1. Ownership of your pet and where you live – you must:

- Be the owner of **your pet**.
- Live with **your pet** at the **UK** address stated on **your** Certificate of Insurance.
- Tell us as soon as possible if you no longer own the pet or your pet stops living with you. This can affect how much you pay and the cover we provide.

Your pet's cover can be affected if you provide incorrect information about where you or your pet live.

2. Precautions - you must:

Take all reasonable steps to:

- Maintain your pet's health.
- Provide a secure and safe environment for **your pet** to prevent **injury**, **illness**, theft or straying.
- Control your pet to prevent injury to a person or another animal and damage or destruction to any property.

If we state that you haven't taken reasonable steps and you disagree, you can request that we appoint a mutually agreed independent national welfare organisation or vet for their opinion. If **you** ask for this, **you** agree to accept the independent opinion and **we**'ll do the same. **We**'ll pay any costs relating to this.

3. Providing routine care – you must:

Make sure the following care is provided for **your pet**.

- Preventative actions you must take any actions normally recommended by a vet to prevent or reduce the risk of injury/illness. Examples of this are (but not limited to) regular worming/flea treatments and ensuring your pet's a healthy weight.
- Vaccinations your pet must be vaccinated against the following illnesses and given boosters (in accordance with veterinary advice) to maintain their protection.

For dogs – distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis and parvovirus.

For cats – feline infectious enteritis, feline leukaemia and cat flu.

If not, **we** won't cover any amount for the **illness** which hasn't been vaccinated against.

General conditions - continued



4. Providing timely veterinary attention – you must:

- Arrange for a vet to examine and treat your pet as soon as possible if he/she is unwell. If there's an unreasonable delay in arranging veterinary treatment and we believe this caused additional costs, we won't pay the additional costs.
- Follow any advice the vet gives. If you don't and we believe this caused additional costs, we won't pay the additional costs.

If we state your actions resulted in additional costs and you disagree, you can request that we appoint a mutually agreed independent vet for their opinion. If you ask for this, you agree to accept the independent opinion and we'll do the same. We'll pay any costs relating to this.

5. Providing information – you must:

- Give us any information and documents we ask for to administer your policy and deal with your claim.
- Give any vet or therapist, who you've consulted with about your pet, your permission to provide us with any information we ask for about him/her.

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

6. Paying for your cover - you must:

Pay for **your** policy. **Your pet's** only covered if **you** do this. If **you** pay by Direct Debit instalments and **you** miss an instalment **you** must pay the outstanding amount in the timescales stated in the reminders **we** send **you**. If **you** don't, **we'**II cancel **your** policy back to the last day **you'**ve paid for cover. All cover for **your pet** will stop from that date and no further claims will be paid.

7. The changes we can make during the policy year

To your pet's cover	 We'll only change the cover we provide during the policy year, if: You decide to change your cover. You didn't tell us about something when we previously asked. You provided us with inaccurate information when previously asked (regardless of whether or not you thought it was accurate at the time).
	To understand when we may add exclusions during the policy year , please read the 'Extra exclusions that can apply to the cover for your pet' on page 10.
To the price you pay	 We'll only change the price you pay during the policy year, if: You change your cover. We find out we had inaccurate information about your pet that affects the price you pay. Your address changes and this affects the price we charge.

We can also change the way we communicate with you if you've used inappropriate, aggressive or threatening language against a member of **our** staff. For example, we can refuse to speak with you over the telephone and only communicate in writing.

The changes **we** can make at the renewal of **your** policy are explained in 'Renewing your policy' on page 8.

8. Keeping us informed of certain information – you must:

- Tell **us** about certain information throughout **your** policy. The things **you** need to tell **us** about are detailed in **your** Certificate of Insurance.
- Check any new documents **we** send to understand the information **we** need.

You must provide **us** with the full and accurate information, if not it can result in a claim not being paid or affect the cover **we** provide.

If you're a vet or registered veterinary nurse, you can treat your own pet but you must:

- Provide the relevant clinical notes to evidence the veterinary treatment provided.
- Have another **vet** or registered veterinary nurse countersign the claim form.



10. Other insurances

We won't make any payment for any claim that results from an incident covered by any other insurance. If there's any other insurance under which you're entitled to make a claim you must report the incident to that insurance company and tell us their name and address and your policy and claim number with them.

11.Legal rights against another person

If you've any legal rights against another person in relation to your claim, we can take legal action against them in your name at our expense. You must give us all the help you can and provide any documents related to the claim that we ask for.

12.Law and language

Unless we agree otherwise:

- The laws of England and Wales apply to this insurance contract.
- The language of the policy and all communications relating to it will be in English.

13.Fraud

Fraud increases the price **you**, and all policyholders, pay.

If you:

- Provide us with false information,
- Make a false or exaggerated claim with **us**, or
- Make any claim with **us** which involves **your** dishonesty,

We won't pay your claim and we can void your policy, inform the relevant authorities/other organisations and record the details on anti-fraud databases. If we pay a claim and subsequently find the claim was fraudulent, you must repay us the full amount.

'Void your policy' means we'll cancel your policy from the date the fraud occurred. If we take this action you must repay us any claim payments that we've made from the date the fraud occurred; this is regardless of whether or not all of the claims were fraudulent. If any other insurer asks if you've had a policy void, you need to tell them that your policy with us was void. If you don't, this can invalidate any insurance policy you hold with any insurer who asks.

General exclusions – these apply to the whole of your policy

Your pet's age and use – all sections of your policy don't cover any pet who's:

- Less than 8 weeks old, or
- Is used for security, track racing or coursing.

Your dogs breed or type – all sections of your policy don't cover any dog who:

- Is required to be registered under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, the Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Act 1997 or any further amendments to this.
- Is, or is crossed with, a Pit Bull Terrier, Dogo Argentino, Japanese Tosa, Fila Brasileiro, American XL Bully, Saarloos Wolfhound/ Wolfdog or any wolf hybrid.

3. Worrying livestock -

all sections of **your** policy don't cover any loss or costs as a result of **your dog worrying livestock**.

4. Diseases which aren't covered by the policy – all sections of your policy don't cover any claim relating to:

- Any disease which is stated as a 'notifiable disease' by a **UK** government body or Act, such as the Animal Health Act 1981 or in an order made under the Animal Health Act 1981.
- A disease transmitted from animals to humans.

5. Laws and regulations – all sections of your policy don't cover any amount:

- If you break the UK laws or regulations, including those relating to animal health or importation.
- If a government or another official body orders that your **pet** must be vaccinated against illness as part of a compulsory mass vaccination programme. We won't pay any costs relating to this vaccination itself or any complications that happen due to the procedure taking place. For the purpose of this insurance, 'a mass vaccination programme' means a programme of the compulsory vaccination of a species, or a selected group within a species, with the aim of protecting that group, people or other animals from illness or another risk.
- If your pet is confiscated or destroyed by order of the government or public authorities.
- Caused because the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has put restrictions on **your pet**.

General exclusions - continued



- War, terrorism, civil commotion and radioactive contamination – all sections of your policy don't cover any loss or damage caused by, or resulting from:
 - War of any nature, including but not limited to war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities and warlike actions (whether war be declared or not) and civil war.
 - Rebellion, riot, revolution, nationalization, confiscation, expropriation, deprivation, requisition, insurrection, civil commotion assuming to proportion of or amounting to an uprising and military or usurped power.
 - Any act of terrorism. An act of terrorism is any act of persons acting on behalf of, or in connection with, any organisation which carries out activities directed towards the overthrowing or influencing, by force or violence, of His Majesty's government in the United Kingdom or any other government de jure or de facto.
 - Ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel, or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel, the radioactive, toxic, explosive, or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component of such assembly.

7. All sections of your policy don't cover any claim relating to any malicious act, deliberate injury or gross negligence caused by you, your employees, any member of your family or anyone you've left your pet in the care of.

Cancelling your policy

When you can cancel your policy

You can cancel your policy at any time free of charge.

- If **you** cancel in the first 14 days of **your** cover starting **we**'ll refund all of the premium **you**'ve paid.
- If **you** cancel in the first 14 days after **your** renewal date, **we**'ll refund any amount **you**'ve paid for cover after that renewal date.
- If **you** cancel at any other time, **we**'ll refund any amount **you**'ve paid for cover after the cancellation date.

When we can cancel your policy

We can cancel your policy at any time if:

- You've been dishonest or fraudulent in any dealings with us,
- You've continued to use inappropriate, aggressive or threatening language against a member of **our** staff despite **our** requests to stop, or
- Your vet or a welfare organisation informs us that you've been negligent towards your pet.

We'll give you notice in writing to the address on your Certificate of Insurance and refund any amount you've paid for cover after the date we received the information that led to our decision to cancel.

We can also cancel **your** policy if **you** don't make payments when due. For details on this please read point 6 in the 'General conditions' section.

Cover following cancellation of a policy or removal of a section

If a section of cover is removed from **your** policy all cover in that section stops on the date the section is removed.

If **your** policy is cancelled or comes to an end for any reason, all cover for **your pet** will stop on the date the policy is cancelled/ends and no further claims will be paid. If **you** want **us** to continue to cover an **illness** or **injury** up to the limits on **your** policy, **you** must keep **your** policy running and continue to make **your** payments during this time.



How to make a complaint

Our aim is to get it right, first time, every time. If **we** make a mistake **we**'ll try to put it right straight away. If **we**'re unable to, **we**'ll confirm **we**'ve received **your** complaint within five working days and do **our** best to resolve the problem within four weeks. If **we** can't **we**'ll let **you** know when an answer may be expected.

If **we**'ve not resolved the situation within eight weeks **we**'ll issue **you** with information about the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) which offers a free, independent complaints resolution service.

If you have a complaint please contact our complaints team:

By telephone0330 100 9712By emailcomplaints@pet.lv.co.ukIn writingLV= Pet
PO Box 221
Huddersfield
HD8 1FP
United Kingdom

You have the right to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman, free of charge – but you must do so within six months of the date of the final response letter.

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

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

Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Telephone: 0800 0234567 or 0300 1239123

Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Using **our** complaints procedure or referral to the Financial Ombudsman Service doesn't affect **your** legal rights.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

Allianz Insurance plc contributes to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). If Allianz Insurance plc is unable to meet its liabilities **you** may be entitled to compensation under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). Further information about compensation scheme arrangements is available at www.fscs.org.uk, by emailing enquiries@fscs.org.uk or by phoning the FSCS on **0800 678 1100** or **0207 741 4100**.

Privacy Notice - How we use personal information

Your LV= Pet Insurance Policy is arranged by Liverpool Victoria Insurance Company Limited (LV=) and underwritten and administered by Allianz Insurance Plc (Allianz).

Any data supplied by you relating to marketing preferences relating to your policy will be processed and managed by LV=.

Details of how Allianz and LV= process your personal data and how you can exercise your data protection rights in regards to your data can be found below.

Allianz Privacy Notice Summary – How We Use Personal Information

Please find below a summary of our Privacy Notice. The full notice can be found on the Allianz UK website – www.allianz.co.uk/privacy-notice.html

If you would like a printed copy of our Privacy Notice, please contact the Data Rights team using the details below.

Allianz Insurance plc is the data controller of any personal information given to us about you or other people named on the policy, quote or claim. It is your responsibility to let any named person know about who we are and how this information will be processed.

When we refer to "we", "us" and "our" in this notice it means Allianz Insurance plc, Allianz Engineering Inspection Services Limited and LV= who are all part of the Allianz UK Group which includes insurance companies, insurance brokers and other companies owned by the Allianz UK Group. Please see https://www.allianz.co.uk/ about-allianz/our-organisation.html#azuk for a detailed list of these companies.

Anyone whose personal information we hold has the right to object to us using it. They can do this at any time by telling us and we will consider the request and either stop using their personal information or explain why we are not able to.

If you wish to exercise any of your data protection rights you can do so by contacting our Data Rights team:

Phone: 0208 231 3992 Email: datarights@allianz.co.uk

Address: Allianz Insurance plc PO Box 5291 Worthing BN11 9TD



Any queries about how we use personal information should be addressed to our Data Protection Officer:

Phone: 0330 102 1837 Email: dataprotectionofficer@allianz.co.uk

Address: Data Protection Officer,

Allianz Insurance plc PO Box 5291 Worthing BN11 9TD

LV= Marketing Privacy Notice - How We Use Personal Information

Liverpool Victoria Insurance Company Limited is the data controller of any personal information relating to your marketing preferences and for marketing activity.

We collect personal information when you update how we contact you with marketing (email, post, phone and/or SMS). We'll only send you marketing information about our products and services if you've given us your consent. The marketing information we will send includes information about products, services, discounts and business updates.

You can withdraw your consent at any time through our marketing preference page - www.lv.com/insurance-contact-us/marketing-consent-form

If you opt out of marketing, this will not stop you from receiving important service related information that you need to know relating to your policy or claim.

We'll process personal information for our legitimate interests, when we have a business reason to do so. This includes but is not limited to:

- improving the relevance of our advertising and marketing campaigns and identifying advertisement audiences
- displaying personalised online advertisements on third-party websites and social media platforms

Profiling will be used to enhance our understanding of you and to help us make our business decisions (for example marketing strategy). If you've chosen to receive marketing information from us, profiling will be used to make our marketing more relevant, for example, personalise the channels used to market to you, the marketing messages used and the offers you're sent.

We use other companies to provide some marketing services. We'll give them the personal information they (or their sub-contractors) need to manage their service. We work with selected partners to display relevant online advertisements to you on third-party websites and social media platforms.

We will use personal information to identify appropriate audiences for our advertisements. The selected partners we work with to do this do not use your information for their own purposes and we ensure they delete it once we have identified advertisement audiences.

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If you have any questions about how we process personal information relating to marketing, please get in touch with us by writing to:

GI Customer Support, LV=, County Gates, Bournemouth, BH1 2AT

or email us at: GICustomerSupport@LV.co.uk

You can also contact our Data Protection Officer:

Data Protection Officer, Allianz Insurance plc PO Box 5291 Worthing BN11 9TD

or via email at Gldataprotection@LV.co.uk

Under data protection law, you have rights we need to make you aware of. The rights available to you depend on our reason for processing your information. You have the right to:

- access the personal information we hold about you, or anyone on the policy
- correct personal information you think is inaccurate or to update information you think is incomplete
- have personal information deleted in certain circumstances
- restrict us processing personal information, under certain circumstances
- receive personal information in a portable format. This only applies to information you have provided to us
- object to us processing personal information, under certain circumstances

You can also ask us to review an automated decision. We use cookies to give you the best possible experience online – but we don't store contact details or banking information. Visit our cookie policy page on our website to find out more and how to change your cookie settings.



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How to contact us

For your claim

By telephone	0330 100 9831
By email	claims@pet.lv.co.uk

To discuss or amend your policy

 By telephone
 0330 100 9712

 By email
 Please visit www.lv.com/pet-insurance/customer-support

 to complete your details on a handy webform, this'll help us get

 you through to someone who can help you.

In writing

LV= Pet PO Box 221 Huddersfield HD8 1FP

You can get this and other documents from us in Braille, large print or on audiotape by contacting us.



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