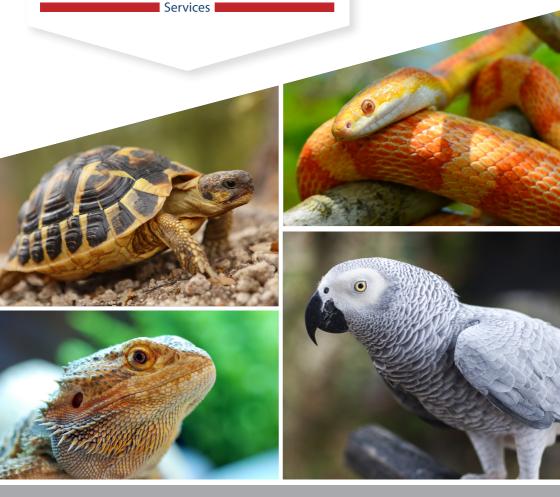
British Pet Insurance



Your Policy Wording for your Bird, Reptile, Tortoise or Mammal



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This booklet contains your Policy Terms and Conditions.

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

Hello and thank you for choosing British Pet Insurance Services for your pet

British Pet Insurance Services is a trading name of Petcover EU Limited. We specialise in pet insurance and offer cover for pets, to ensure we really understand and cater for your needs.

British Pet Insurance Services was formed by and has brought together people with many years' experience in pet insurance to offer you a great insurance cover and has a team of people who love pets offering you the customer service you deserve.

Having a pet is rewarding, from the love they provide when being there to greet you to the challenges of the sleepless nights when they are not 100%. We are here to support you and your pet throughout all of this, whether it be with your insurance cover, claiming or just a little advice along the way.

We understand how stressful it can be when you need to make a claim. We aim to make claiming a smooth, quick and easy process so you can concentrate on your pet, so if you need anything at all please let us know.

This booklet contains the cover your policy provides. If there is anything you don't understand please let us know, or if you have any questions, problems or any feedback please contact us.

This Insurance is underwritten by Alwyn Insurance Company Limited.

This Insurance is issued by Petcover EU Limited trading as British Pet Insurance in accordance with the authorisation granted to them under the Binding Authority Agreement with Alwyn Insurance Company Limited.

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British Pet Insurance Services does not provide advice or any personal recommendation about the insurance products offered.

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 ongoing costs of **Veterinary Treatment**, for **Illnesses** and **Injuries**, during the life of their pet.

Important information

This document, the **Certificate of Insurance** and any related **Exclusion**(s) form your insurance documentation.

This insurance documentation sets out the terms and conditions of the contract of insurance between **You** and **Us**. Please read all documentation carefully and keep it in a safe place.

It is important that You:

- check that the information contained in the Certificate of Insurance is accurate (see "Information you have given Us") and
- comply with all your duties and obligations under the insurance, including the important conditions below, and the action **You** must take in the event of a claim.

Failure to comply with the above could adversely affect Your insurance and any claim You make.

Information You have given Us

In deciding to accept this insurance and in setting the terms and premium, **We** have relied on the information you have given **Us**. **You** must take care when answering any questions **We** ask by ensuring that all information provided is accurate and complete.

If **We** establish that **You** deliberately or recklessly provided **Us** with false or misleading information **We** will treat this insurance as if it never existed and decline all claims. **We** will not return any **Premium** paid by **You**.

If We establish that You carelessly provided Us with incorrect or incomplete information that We have relied upon in accepting this insurance and setting its terms and Premium We may:

- 1. treat this insurance as if it had never existed and refuse to pay all claims and return the **Premium** paid. We will only do this if **We** provided **You** with insurance cover which **We** would not otherwise have offered;
- 2. amend the terms of **Your** insurance. **We** may apply these amended terms as if they were already in place if a claim has been adversely impacted by **Your** carelessness;
- 3. charge You more Premium for Your insurance or reduce the amount We pay on a claim in the proportion the Premium You have paid bears to the Premium We would have charged You; or
- 4. cancel Your insurance in accordance with the "Cancelling this insurance" section on page 8.

We will write to You if We:

- 1. intend to treat this insurance as if it never existed; or
- 2. need to amend the terms of Your insurance; or
- 3. require You to pay more Premium for Your insurance.

Your Duty to disclose to Us

It is an essential part of **Your** insurance that **You** disclose to **Us** any changes to **Your Pet's** health or **Your** personal circumstances. This applies at the commencement, during the policy period and at the renewal of **Your** insurance. The information **You** need to tell **Us** about is detailed below.

Your Pet's health:

You must tell Us:

- If Your Pet has shown any signs of Illness or Injury or been unwell regardless of whether or not Your Pet was seen by a Vet for the problem.
- If Your Pet has been seen by a Vet for any reason other than routine procedures and/or neutering.
- If Your Pet has had any Treatment or You have discussed any issues with a Vet regarding Your Pet's health whether or not any Treatment resulted from such discussion.
- If Your Vet/Veterinary Practice have advised that Your Pet's weight is over the normal limits.

Your circumstances:

You must tell Us if:

- You become aware that any details shown on Your Certificate of Insurance are incorrect.
- Your address or the address at which Your Pet is kept has changed.
- You no longer own any of the pet's shown on Your Certificate of Insurance.
- You have had any other pets at the same premises needing Veterinary Treatment, passed away or were stolen in the last twelve (12) months.
- There have been any break-ins or attempted break-ins at the premises where Your Pet is kept in the last twelve (12) months.
- You become aware of any contagious or infectious diseases at the premises where Your Pet is kept or if there have been any contagious or infectious diseases at the premises where Your Pet is kept in the last twelve (12) months.
- If **Your Pet** is used for a commercial purpose/kept on a commercial premises or starts to be used for a commercial use/kept on a commercial premises.
- If Your Pet is kept in an alcohol licenced premises.

This is not an exhaustive list, but here are some examples of the type of information **You** should tell **Us** about.

Who does the Duty apply to?

The Duty of Disclosure applies to **You** and everyone that is an insured under the **Policy**. If **You** provide information for another insured, it is as if they provided it to **Us**.

What happens if the Duty of Disclosure is not complied with?

If the Duty of Disclosure is not complied with We may cancel the **Policy** and/or reduce the amount We pay if **You** make a claim. If fraud is involved, We may treat the **Policy** as if it never existed, and pay nothing.

Renewing this insurance

When this **Policy** is due for renewal, **We** will write to you at least twenty-one (21) days before the **Period of Insurance** ends with full details of **Your** next year's **Premium** and **Policy** terms and conditions. If **You** pay your **Premium** by Direct Debit instalments **Your Policy** will renew automatically with **Your** next year's **Premium** and **Policy** terms and conditions; if **You** do not want to renew the **Policy** please contact **Us**. If **You** need to contact **Us** to discuss **Your** renewal before the expiry of **Your** existing insurance, **Our** contact details can be found on the back cover. Occasionally, **We** may not be able to offer to renew your **Policy**. If this happens, **We** will write to **You** at least twenty-one (21) days before the expiry of **Your Policy** to allow enough time for **You** to make alternative insurance arrangements.

Cancelling this insurance

You may cancel this insurance at any time by notifying Us. Our contact details can be found on page 38.

Cancellation by You within the cooling-off period

This insurance has a cooling-off period of fourteen (14) days from the later of:

- 1. the date You receive this insurance documentation;
- 2 the start of the period of insurance

If **You** cancel this insurance within the cooling off period, **We** will provide a full refund of the **Premium** paid unless **You** have made a claim or there has been an event that could result in a claim being made. This refund will be a proportionate amount based on the number of days **Your** policy was in force. If **We** pay a claim whether by settlement, compromise or otherwise, no refund of **Premium** will be allowed.

To exercise **Your** cooling off rights **You** must advise **Us** of **Your** intention to cancel. Please telephone **Us** on 01444 708840 between the hours of Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm or send written confirmation by email to info@petcover.uk.com or by post to British Pet Insurance Services, 4 Bridge Road Business Park, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1TX.

Cancellation by You after the cooling-off period

If **You** cancel this insurance outside the cooling-off period, provided **You** have not made a claim or there has not been an event that could result in a claim, **You** will be entitled to a refund of the **Premium** paid. This refund will be a proportionate amount based on the number of days **Your** policy was in force.

Cancellation by Us

We may cancel this insurance by giving You fourteen (14) days' notice in writing to the address last notified to Us. We will only do this for a valid reason, examples of which are:

- Non-payment of Premium
- A change in risk occurring which means that We can no longer provide You with insurance cover
- Failure to comply with a provision of the Policy
- Non-cooperation or failure to supply any information or documentation We request
- Misrepresentation to Us during negotiations prior to the issue of the Policy
- Making a fraudulent claim under the **Policy** or under some other contract of insurance that provides cover during the same period of time that the **Policy** covers **You**
- Threatening or abusive behaviour or the use of threatening or abusive language

If We cancel this insurance, provided You have not made a claim, You will be entitled to a refund of the **Premium** paid. This refund will be a proportionate amount based on the number of days Your policy was in force.

If **We** pay any claim, whether by settlement, compromise or otherwise, then no refund of **Premium** will be allowed. Cancellation of the insurance by **Us** does not affect the treatment of any claim arising under the insurance in the period before cancellation.

Definitions

Twelve (12) Months	means a consecutive period of days (or 366 days in a leap year).
	means a sudden, unexpected and specific event which occurs at an identifiable time and place.
	All Accidents arising from one event or one original cause will be treated by Us as one Accident .
Accident	For the sake of clarity, an Accident does include physical damage or trauma of a gradual nature which happens over time. This includes, but is not limited to, conditions such as luxating patella; a rupture or strain of one or both cruciate ligaments; degenerative joint disease; hip dysplasia and hyperextending hocks; Juvenile Pubis Symphysiodesis (JPS)
Accidental Injury	means a sudden and unforeseen Injury which is the result of an identifiable and known cause or event during the Period of Insurance .
Agreed Countries	means any country within the European Union.
	means the cost of any examination, consultation, advice, test and legally prescribed medication for the following procedures where they treat an Illness or Injury . This includes any Veterinary Treatment specifically needed to carry out the procedure:
Alternative or	1. Acupuncture or homeopathy carried out by or Herbal Medicine prescribed by a Member of a Veterinary Practice.
Complementry Treatment	 Chiropractic manipulation carried out by a Member of a Veterinary Practice, providing the member is a qualified animal chiropractor.
	3. Hydrotherapy carried out by a Member of a Veterinary Practice in a pool/ water treadmill owned by the Veterinary Practice providing the member is a qualified animal hydrotherapist.
	4. Osteopathy carried out by a Member of a Veterinary Practice providing the member is a qualified animal osteopath.
Behavioural Illness	means any change to Your Pet 's normal behaviour, resulting from a mental or emotional disorder diagnosed by Your Vet .
Bilateral Condition	means any Condition affecting body parts of which the pet has at least two, including, but not limited to eyes, ears, patella's (knees), cruciate ligaments. When applying an Exclusion , Bilateral Conditions are considered the one Condition .
Certificate of Insurance	means the relevant Certificate of Insurance We issue, including on renewal or variation of the Policy containing details of the cover provided under the Policy including any Exclusions and other specific insurance details that We have applied to Your cover.
Clinical signs	means changes in Your Pet's normal healthy state or its bodily functions.
Condition	means any Condition that causes discomfort, dysfunction, distress, including Injuries and Illness , disabilities, disorders, Clinical signs , syndromes, infections, isolated symptoms, deviant behaviour, and atypical variations of structure and function and/or death to the pet afflicted.

means Dental check-ups; Dental scale and polish; teeth cleaning; removal or
repair of misaligned; retained deciduous teeth or teeth rasping and de-burring.
 means a Treatment that is: de-sexing, spaying or castration; surgical sexing; micro-chipping; ringing; grooming; de-matting; descaling; beak trimming; dew claw and claw removal; cosmetic or aesthetic surgery; pinioning (removal of a birds pinion joint); wing or feather clipping; debudding/dehorning (horn bud/horn removal); prescription diet foods; any Treatment not related to an Injury, Illness, or trauma. Elective Surgery or Treatment that is beneficial to the pet but is not essential for Your Pet's survival or does not form part of a Treatment for an Injury or Illness.
means the amount stated on Your Certificate of Insurance which You will have to pay in the event of a claim.
means a Condition or circumstance for which the Insurers will not pay. Any specific Exclusion will be shown on Your Certificate of Insurance and You will be told of this before You take out the insurance or at renewal. (See also the General Exclusions section and the What We will not pay under each cover section).
means Your Immediate Family and grandparents, brothers, sisters, grandsons, and/or granddaughters including step relationships.
means Herbal Medicine prescribed by a Member of a Veterinary Practice.
means the place in the UK where You usually live.
means any sickness, disease or changes in Your Pet 's normal healthy state. Excluding any mental or emotional disorders.
means spouse, civil partner, life partner, partner, parents, sons and daughters, including Family of step relationships.
means a physical Injury or trauma caused immediately, solely and directly from an Accident . This does not include any physical Injury or trauma that happens over a period of time or is of a gradual nature.
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Journey	means travel from Your Home within the UK or any of the Agreed Countries undertaken during the Period of Insurance for a maximum of thirty (30) days for all Journeys in the Period of Insurance. This includes the duration of Your holiday or business trip and any travel, in and between the UK and an Agreed Country and return Journeys to Your Home.
Mammal	means any chinchilla, chipmunk, degu, ferret, gerbil, goat, guinea pig, hamster, hedgehog, lemur, mouse, monkey, pig, racoon, rat, skunk or sugar glider.
Market Value	means the price generally paid for an animal of the same age, breed, pedigree, sex and breeding ability at the time You took ownership of Your Pet as determined by Us .
Maximum Benefit	means the most We will pay for the relevant level of cover You have chosen during the Period of Insurance as set out in the Certificate of Insurance, subject to Exclusions of the Policy less the applicable Excess.
Member of a Veterinary Practice	means any person legally employed by a Veterinary Practice under a contract of employment, other than a Vet who may be The Insured.
Optional Extra Benefit	means an additional benefit that You can elect to include in addition to the basic insurance. For Optional Extra Benefits to be included You must select the Option and pay an additional Premium . If applicable the Optional Extra Benefit will be shown on Your Certificate of Insurance .
Our Vet	means any Vet appointed or engaged by Us to carry out Treatment to Your Pet or discuss Your Pet's Treatment with Your Vet.
Period of Insurance	means the time during which We give cover as shown on Your Certificate of Insurance. It does not refer to any prior Period of Insurance if the Policy is a renewal of a previous Policy or any future Period of Insurance for any Policy You may enter into with Us upon renewal. Each Period of Insurance is treated as separate. This is normally twelve (12) months but may be less if Your Pet has been added to Your insurance or it has been cancelled.
Pet Immigration	means a system that allows pet owners in the UK to take their pets to the Agreed Countries and bring them back to the UK without the need for quarantine.
Physiotherapy	means Physiotherapy (not including hydrotherapy) carried out by a Member of a Veterinary Practice who is a qualified animal physiotherapist.
Policy	means this document and the Certificate of Insurance and the Insurance Product Information Document (IPID) and any other documents We issue to You which are expressed to form part of the Policy terms, and which set out the cover We provide for the Period of Insurance . For the sake of clarity, it does not include any prior Policy that this is a renewal of or any future Policy that is a renewal of this Policy .

	means any Condition(s) or symptom(s), sign(s) or Clinical sign(s) of any Condition, Injury or Illness occurring or existing in any form that:
	a. Has happened or first showed Clinical signs;
	 Has the same diagnosis or Clinical signs as an Injury, Illness or Clinical sign Your Pet had; or,
	 c. Is caused by, relates to, or results from, an Injury, Illness or Clinical sign Your Pet had occurring or existing:
	i Before Your Pet's cover started, or prior to the Policy commencement date;
Pre-Existing	ii. During the Waiting Period; or
Conditions	iii. Before the section was added to Your insurance.
	This applies no matter where the Injury , Illness or Clinical sign (s) occurred or happen in, or on, Your Pet's body. This is regardless of whether or not We place any Exclusion (s) for the Injury/Illness . A Condition from which Your Pet (s) may be suffering before the insurance cover started and which may have existed without Your knowledge i.e. (but not limited to) a latent, genetic or hereditary disease, Injury or deformity.
	For the avoidance of doubt when referring to Pre-Existing Conditions , any Bilateral Conditions will be deemed to be a Pre-Existing Condition and both will be excluded from cover.
Premium	means the cost of Your insurance including any fees and taxes specified on Your Certificate of Insurance .
Routine or Preventative Treatment	means care or Treatment such as check-ups and procedures that are designed to prevent Illnesses or Injury from occurring. These include annual physical examinations and check-ups, vaccinations, worm prevention medication; routine beak trimming; nail/claw clipping; flea; tick; mite and other internal/ external parasite prevention; removal of misaligned or retained deciduous teeth.
Terrorism	means an act, whether or not including the use of force or violence and/or the threat thereof, of any person or group(s) of persons, whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation(s) or government(s), committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes including the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear.
Treatment	means Veterinary Treatment or Alternative or Complementary Treatment.
The Insured, You, Your	means the person or organisation named on Your Certificate of Insurance.
υк	The United Kingdom, The Isle of Man and The Channel Islands.
Vermin	means but not limited to the following feral, wild animals including - Rats, Mice, Foxes, Cats, Dogs, Stoats, Weasels and Ferrets.
Vet	means a registered Veterinarian, Specialist Veterinarian, Veterinary Practice , clinic, hospital, centre including referral hospitals, licensed to practice in the UK , other than a Vet who may be The Insured .
Veterinary Fees	means the amount Vets in general or referral practices usually charge.

Veterinary Treatment	 means the cost of the following when required to treat an Illness or Injury: Any examination, consultation, advice, tests, X-rays, 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, Any surgery, essential hospitalisation, nursing and/or the application of medicines provided by a qualified Vet in respect of an Accident to, or Illness in Your Pet(s). This does not include general consultations, health checks, vaccinations, or the administering of un-prescribed drugs.
Veterinary Practice	means any veterinary service provided by a veterinary organisation or business.
Waiting Period	means a period of fourteen (14) days starting from the commencement date of the Policy (excluding renewals) as shown on Your Certificate of Insurance during which an Illness or Condition that first occurs or shows Clinical Signs will be excluded from cover unless otherwise stated on Your Certificate of Insurance . The fourteen (14) day Waiting Period will cease at 00.01 on the fifteenth (15th) day of cover.
We, Us, Our	means British Pet Insurance Services, a trading name of Petcover EU Limited acting on behalf of Insurers . Petcover EU Limited is registered in England and Wales under number 10001319, and is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority under reference number 747757.
Your Pet	means the animal(s) named or otherwise identified on Your Certificate of Insurance.

General Conditions

1.	Conditions of the Policy	You must comply with the general conditions and special conditions to have the full protection of the Policy . If You do not, and the condition You have not kept to relates to a claim, We may refuse or reduce the amount We pay under the claim.
2.	Caring for Your Pet	 Throughout the Period of Insurance You must take all reasonable steps to maintain Your Pet's health and to prevent Injury, Illness and loss. a. You must provide Routine or Preventative Treatment normally recommended by a Vet to prevent Illness or Injury. If there is a disagreement between You and Us as to what would be reasonable Routine or Preventative Treatment, the details will be referred to an independent pet specialist or an independent Vet mutually agreed upon. b. For any Mammals You must arrange and pay for Your Pet to have a yearly Dental examination and to receive any oral Treatment normally recommended by a Vet to prevent Illness or Injury. Any Dental Treatment recommended as a result of the Dental examination must be carried out as soon as possible. If You do not comply with this obligation, then We may refuse or reduce the amount We pay in respect of any claim which related to Dental Treatment under the claim. c. You must keep Your Pet vaccinated against any disease Your Vet has recommended Your Pet be vaccinated against. If You do not keep Your Pet vaccinated against. d. You must arrange for a Vet to examine and treat Your Pet as soon as possible after it shows Clinical Signs of an Injury or Illness. You must follow the advice and recommendations of the treating Vet so as not to prolong or aggravate the Illness or Injury. If You do not follow the Vet's advice We may refuse or reduce the amount We pay relating to that Injury or Illness. If We decide, You must also take Your Pet to Our Vet. e. You must keep Your Pet in appropriate enclosures, cages or vivariums with adequate heating and ventilation. If there is a disagreement between You and Us as to what reasonable steps are, the details will be referred to an independent pet specialist or an independent Vet mutually agreed upon.
3.	Claims Preauthorisation	We will not guarantee on the phone if We will pay a claim. You must send Us a claim form that has been fully completed and We will then write to You with Our decision.
4.	Required Information	When You make a claim You agree to give Us any information We may reasonably ask for.
5.	Vets Information	You agree that any Vet has Your permission to release to Us any information We ask for about Your Pet. If the Vet makes a charge for this, You must pay the charge. We will provide any information to a Vet who has treated or is asked to treat Your Pet any information about Your insurance.

6.	Legal Rights Against Others	If there is any other insurance under which You are 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. To the extent permitted by law, We will only pay Our share of the claim. If You have any legal rights against another person in relation to Your claim, We may take legal action against them in Your name at Our expense. You must give Us all the help You can and provide any documents We ask for.
7.	Claims, Paid Direct to Vet	If We agree for a claim payment to be paid directly to Your Vet and You allow this, then if the Vet, who has treated Your Pet or is about to treat Your Pet, asks for information about Your insurance that relates to a claim, We will tell the Vet what the insurance covers, what We will not pay for, how the amount We pay is calculated and if the Premiums are paid to date.
8.	Claims, Vet Fee Charges	If the Veterinary Fees You are charged are higher than the Veterinary Fees normally charged by a general or referral Practice, We reserve the right to request a second opinion from Our Vet as to whether the fees are reasonable. If Our Vet does not agree that the Veterinary Fees charged are reasonable We may decide to pay only the Veterinary Fees usually charged by a general or referral Practice in a similar area as determined by Our Vet.
9.	Claims, Over Treatment	If We consider the Veterinary Treatment Your Pet receives may not be required, or may be excessive when compared with the Treatment normally recommended to treat the same Illness or Injury by general or referral Practices, We reserve the right to request a second opinion from Our Vet. If Our Vet does not agree that the Veterinary Treatment provided is reasonably required We may decide to pay only the cost of the Veterinary Treatment that was necessary to treat the Injury or Illness, as determined by Our Vet.
10.	Claims, Settlement	When We settle Your claim, We reserve the right to deduct from the claim amount any amount due to Us.
		You may cancel the Policy at any time by notifying Us. The following cancellation rights by You and Us apply:
		Cancellation by You within the cooling-off period: This insurance has a cooling-off period of fourteen (14) days from the later of:
		a. The date You receive this insurance documentation; or
11.	Cancelling your Policy	 b. The start of the Period of Insurance If You cancel this insurance within the cooling-off period, We will provide a full refund of the Premium paid unless You have made a claim or there has been an event that could result in a claim being made. This refund will be a proportionate amount based on the number of days Your Policy was in force. If We pay a claim whether by settlement, compromise or otherwise, no refund of Premium will be allowed. Cancellation by You after the cooling-off period. If You cancel this insurance outside the cooling-off period, provided You have not made a claim, or there has not been an event that could result in a claim, You will be entitled to a refund of the Premium Paid. This refund will be a
		proportionate amount based on the number of days Your Policy was in force.

Cancellation by Us.

We may cancel this insurance by giving You fourteen (14) days' notice in writing to the address last notified to Us. We will only do this for a valid reason, examples of which are:

Non-payment of Premium;

٠	A change in risk occurring which means that We can no longer provide You
	with insurance cover;

- Failure to comply with a provision of the Policy;
- Non-cooperation or failure to supply any information or documentation We request;
- Misrepresentation to Us during negotiations prior to the issue of the Policy;
- Making a fraudulent claim under the Policy or under some other contract of insurance that provides cover during the same period of time that the Policy covers You;
- Threatening or abusive behaviour or the use of threatening or abusive language.

If **We** cancel this insurance, provided **You** have not made a claim, **You** will be entitled to a refund of the **Premium** Paid. This refund will be a proportionate amount based on the number of days **Your** Policy was in force.

If **We** pay any claim, whether by settlement, compromise or otherwise, then no refund of **Premium** will be allowed. Cancellation of the insurance by **Us** does not affect the treatment of any claim arising under the insurance in the period before cancellation.

If the **Policy** is cancelled or comes to an end for any reason all cover for **Your Pet** will stop on the date and time the cancellation becomes effective and no further claims will be paid.

Your Pet is only covered under this Policy if You pay the Premium. If You pay by Direct Debit instalments and You miss an instalment, You must pay the outstanding amount within fourteen (14) days. If You do not, We will cancel Your Policy back to the last day You have paid for cover. All cover for Your Pet will stop from that date and no further claims will be paid.

12. Paying Your Premium When We settle Your claim, if there are any **Premiums** overdue, We will deduct the outstanding amount from the claim payment.

If You pay by Direct Debit instalments and You frequently miss an instalment or pay an instalment late, We may request You pay all Your remaining Premium until the end of the Period of Insurance. If You do not pay the remaining Premium We will cancel Your Policy back to the last day You have paid for cover. All cover for Your Pet will stop from that date and no further claims will be paid.

13. Changes at renewal	 This document also applies for any offer of renewal We make, unless We tell You otherwise. When We offer renewal We may: a. Change the Premium, Excesses and Policy Terms and Conditions. b. Place Exclusions because of Your Pet's claims and Veterinary history. c. Limit or withdraw Third Party Liability cover based on a review of Your Pet's behaviour, for example, any aggressive tendencies shown or any incidents where Your Pet has caused Injury to a person or another animal.
14. Upgrading cover	If a higher plan is available for Your Pet You can apply for an upgrade at renewal of Your Policy and at this time the request will be subject to an underwriting review of Your Pet's veterinary history.
15. Changes during the Period of Insurance	 We will not change the cover We provide for Your Pet during the Period of Insurance, unless: a. You decide to change Your Pet's cover. b. You did not tell Us about something when We previously asked. c. You provided Us with inaccurate information when previously asked, regardless of whether or not You thought it was accurate at the time. d. If You transfer Your Pet to a plan with additional or higher benefit limits at renewal, the additional or higher benefits will not apply if the Condition being claimed for first occurred prior to the change in the level of cover.
16. Exclusions applicable to Your Pet	 a. Any Injury/Illness which occurred before Your Pet's cover started is a Pre-Existing Condition which will never be covered by Your insurance; b. Any Illness which starts in the Waiting Period; c. In addition to the Exclusions set out in these Terms and Conditions, the Policy does not cover any amount that results from an Injury, Illness or incident which is shown as excluded on Your Certificate of Insurance.
17. Claimable Period	This Policy covers an Injury or Illness for a period of twelve (12) months only. The twelve (12) months starts on the date the Injury first happened after Your Pet's cover started, or the first Clinical Sign of the Illness or Condition occurring or existing in any form, after the conclusion of the Waiting Period . After this twelve (12) month period We will not cover any further claims for that or any related Injury or Illness .
18. Policy Limits	Limits apply to items covered by Your Policy . You should read the Policy carefully so that You are aware of what limits may be applicable to You in the event of a loss.
19. Travel Cover	Some sections of Your Policy provide cover whilst Your Pet is on a Journey . While Your Pet is outside the UK You must follow the conditions of any pet travel regulations currently in force at the time. You agree to pay translation costs for any claim documentation not written in English. Any claims will be paid in British pound sterling.

This insurance contract is subject to the laws of England and Wales and the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales. Unless We agree otherwise, the language of the Policy and all communications relating to it will be in English.
Your Pet must live in the UK. If Your address, or the address of Your Pet, changes You must advise Us as soon as possible as this may affect the insurance cover provided.
If You submit a fraudulent claim, or solicit Your Vet to behave in a fraudulent manner or persuade them to falsify or change information regarding a claim, then the claim may be denied and We may cancel the Policy . We may also be entitled to reclaim any payments already made to You in respect to such claims and We may retain Your Premium .
This insurance is not transferrable.
You must have been over the age of eighteen (18) at the time You purchased this insurance.
No (re)insurer shall be deemed to provide cover and no (re)insurer shall be liable to pay any claim or provide any benefit hereunder to the extent that the provision of such cover, payment of such claim or provision of such benefit would expose that (re)insurer to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America.

General Exclusions

Insurance is not intended to cover every single occurrence; in fact, there are some circumstances that this **Policy** will not provide insurance cover for. For example, under all sections of **Your Policy**, **We** do not pay for:

- 1. A Condition specifically excluded on Your Certificate of Insurance.
- 2. Any pet(s) aged within the following age limits at the commencement of Your insurance:
 - a. Bird(s) less than 12 weeks of age.
 - b. Reptile(s) less than 8 weeks of age.
 - c. Tortoise(s) less than 12 weeks of age or over the age of 50 years
 - d. **Mammal**(s) less than 8 weeks of age or over the age of 5 years (except in the case of chinchillas, less than 8 weeks old or over the age of 8 years)
- 3. Cost of Routine or Preventative Treatment.
- 4. Cost of Elective Surgery or Treatment.
- 5. Any amount due to an **Injury** or **Illness** caused by **Your** other pets, the pets of anyone living with **You**, or any other animal in **Your** care, or any animal visiting **Your** premises.
- 6. Any pet being used for a commercial purpose or kept on a commercial premises for a period longer than thirty (30) days unless agreed by Us and detailed on Your Certificate of Insurance.
- 7. Any amount due to polytetrafluoroethylene fumes.
- 8. Any amount arising from an attack by Vermin. (This does not apply to birds of prey injured whilst hunting).
- 9. The cost of treating any Injury or Illness or other bodily Injury or Illness caused by, arising out of, or in any way connected with a malicious act, deliberate Injury or bodily Injury or gross negligence caused by You or a member of Your Family or anyone living with You or acting with Your express or implied consent.
- 10. Any amount due to statutory quarantine.
- 11. Any pandemic or epidemic disease that causes widespread **Illness**, death or destruction affecting pets.
- 12. Any animals that are banned by any UK Government, Public or Local Authority.
- 13. Any pet declared as a dangerous animal by a Government Authority.
- 14. Any pet that must be registered under the applicable legislation dealing with dangerous animals.
- 15. Any amount caused by, arising out of or in any way connected with **Your Pet** being confiscated or destroyed by any Government or Public or Local Authority or any person or Body having the jurisdiction to do so.
- 16. Any costs caused because any Government or Public or Local Authority or any person or Body having the jurisdiction to do so, have put restrictions on **Your Pet**.
- 17. Any amount caused by, arising out of or in any way connected with **You** breaking **UK** animal health or importation laws or regulations.
- 18. Loss, damage, liability or expense directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to or arising from nuclear explosion, reaction, radiation, fallout or contamination by radioactivity.
- 19. Loss, damage, liability or expense directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to or arising from the use or operation, as a means for inflicting harm, of any computer, computer system, computer software programme, malicious code, computer virus or process or any other electronic system.
- 20. Loss, damage, liability or expense directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to or arising from any of the following, regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to the loss:

- a. war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities or warlike operations (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to an uprising, military or usurped power; or
- b. any weapon or device employing atomic or nuclear fission and/or fusion or other like reaction or radioactive force or matter; or
- c. any chemical, biological, bio-chemical, or electromagnetic weapon; or
- d. Terrorism,
- e. any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, or in any way relating to 20a. and/or 20d.
- 21. Your legal liability for payment of compensation in respect of:
 - a. death, bodily Injury or Illness, and/or
 - b. physical loss or damage to property,

except to the extent You have such cover under the Third Party Liability section of this Policy.

- 22. Any legal costs, expenses, fines and penalties connected with or resulting from a Criminal Court Case or an Act of Parliament unless where required under the **Third Party Liability** section of this **Policy**.
- 23. Any amount resulting from an **Illness** that **Your Pet** contracted while outside the **UK** or the **Agreed Countries**, that it would not normally have contracted in the **UK** or the **Agreed Countries**.
- 24. Any Journey You take Your Pet on against a Vet's advice.

Additional **Exclusions** and **Policy** limits may apply to **Your Policy**. For full details of all relevant **Policy** limits and **Exclusions You** must read **Your Certificate of Insurance** and the General Exclusions to all sections and also to the specific **Exclusions** to each section under the heading "What **We** will not pay".

Cover

At British Pet Insurance Services, **We** are proud of the insurance cover **We** provide for pets. In return for the payment of **Your Premium**, **We** will provide cover in the following sections if they are shown on **Your Certificate of Insurance**. The cover applies within the **UK** and any **Journey** undertaken during the **Period of Insurance**.

Benefit limits do apply to some items covered under the **Policy**. You should read Your Policy carefully so that You are aware of what limits may be applicable in the event of a claim.

Section 1 – Veterinary Fees

Cover under this section applies in the UK and Agreed Countries only.

What We Will Pay

- The cost of fees incurred for the Treatment Your Pet has received to treat an Injury and/or Illness up to the Maximum Benefit as stated on Your Certificate of Insurance. The Maximum Benefit stated in Your Certificate of Insurance is the total amount We will pay for all claims during the Period of Insurance.
- We will also pay as part of and not in addition to Your Veterinary Fees Maximum Benefit, the cost
 of Alternative and Complementary Treatments and Physiotherapy to treat an Injury and/or Illness,
 when referred and endorsed by Your Vet.
- We will also pay as part of and not in addition to Your Veterinary Fees Maximum Benefit, up to £100 for veterinary consultations/visits or prescribed medications needed to carry out the procedure of having Your Pet put to sleep, including cremation or burial or disposal costs following Your Pet being put to sleep by a Vet.
- 4. Illness and Injury is covered for twelve (12) months, starting from the date during the Period of Insurance the Injury happened, or the Clinical Signs of the Illness first occurred. Payments will continue for twelve (12) months or until the Maximum Benefit is reached, whichever happens first.
- 5. 90% of the total cost of Veterinary Treatment if Your Pet is referred to a specialist referral centre by the original treating Vet. You are required to pay 10% of the total cost of Veterinary Treatment by the specialist referral centre in addition to any Excess stated on Your Certificate of Insurance.
- 50% of the total cost of Dental Treatment in Mammals. You are required to pay 50% of the total cost of Dental Treatment for Mammals in addition to any Excess stated on Your Certificate of Insurance.

What You Pay

For each **Illness** or **Injury** that is treated during the **Period of Insurance** and which is not related to any other **Illness** or **Injury** treated during the same **Period of Insurance**. **You** must pay the **Excess** shown on **Your Certificate of Insurance**. **You** also pay a percentage of the total costs of **Veterinary Treatment** if **Your Pet** is referred to a specialist referral centre; and/or the cost of **Dental Treatment in Mammals** (See Section 1, What **We** will pay 5 & 6 for full details).

What We Will Not Pay

- 1. Any amount which exceeds the **Maximum Benefit** for this section or which will result in the **Maximum Benefit** being exceeded.
- 2. The cost of any **Treatment** for a **Pre-Existing Condition** during the first **twelve (12) months** of **Your Pet's** insurance unless otherwise stated on **Your Certificate of Insurance**.
- 3. The costs of any **Treatment** for the first **twelve (12) months** of **Your Pets** insurance unless otherwise stated on **Your Certificate of Insurance** for:
 - a. an **Injury** that happened or an **Illness** that first showed **Clinical Signs** before **Your Pet's** cover started; or,
 - b. an **Injury** or **Illness** that is the same as, or has the same diagnosis or **Clinical Sign** as an **Injury**, **Illness** or **Clinical Sign Your Pet** had before its cover started; or,
 - c. an Injury or Illness that is caused by, relates to or results from an Injury, Illness or Clinical Signs Your Pet had before its cover started, no matter where the Injury, Illness or Clinical Signs occurred or happened in, or on Your Pet's body.
- 4. The costs of any **Treatment** for the first **twelve (12) months** of **Your Pets** insurance unless otherwise stated on **Your Certificate of Insurance** for:
 - a. an **Illness** or **Injury** that first showed **Clinical Signs** within the **Waiting Period** of **Your Pet's** cover starting; or,
 - an Illness or Injury which is the same as, or has the same diagnosis or Clinical Signs as an Illness or Injury that first showed Clinical Signs within the Waiting Period of Your Pet's cover starting; or,
 - c. an **Injury** or **Illness** that is caused by, relates to or results from a **Clinical Sign**(s) that first occurred, or an **Illness** that first showed **Clinical Signs** within the **Waiting Period** of **Your Pet**'s cover starting, no matter where the **Injury**, **Illness** or **Clinical Signs** occurred or happened in, or on **Your Pet**'s body.
- The cost of any Elective, Routine or Preventative Treatment, diagnostics or procedure, or any Treatment that You choose to have carried out that is not directly related to an Injury or Illness, including any complications that arise.
- 6. The cost of general health improvers including special food/diets, mineral supplements/vitamin supplements whether prescribed by a **Vet** or not.
- 7. Any costs for hibernation as a result of poor husbandry and where previously veterinary advice relating to hibernation has not been followed.
- 8. The cost of any **Treatment** in relation to **Your Pet** being or coming into season, breeding, pregnancy or giving birth.
- 9. The cost of more than two occurrences of egg binding throughout the pets life.
- 10. For the cost of **Treatment** for any **Behavioural Illness** if **Your Pet**'s behaviour is caused by **You** failing to provide training.
- 11. For the cost of **Treatment** for any **Behavioural Illness** relating to a mental or emotional disorder, including self-mutilation.
- 12. For the cost of any Treatment in connection with false pregnancy.
- 13. For the cost of any food, including food prescribed by a Vet, unless it is:
 - a. Used to dissolve existing bladder stones and crystals in urine, which is limited to a maximum of 40% of the cost of food for up to six (6) months. A diagnostic test must be carried out to confirm the presence of the stones/crystals.
 - b. Liquid food, used for up to five (5) days while **Your Pet** is hospitalised at a **Veterinary Practice**, providing the **Vet** confirms the use of the liquid food is essential to keep **Your Pet** alive.
- 14. The cost of periodontics, **Dental** check-ups, Comprehensive Oral Health Assessment and **Treatment** (COHAT), **Dental** x-rays, **Dental** prophylaxis, **Dental** scale and polish or teeth cleaning, gingival

curettes, gingival hyperplasia, removal of plaque or calculus or periodontal surgery.

- 15. The cost of prosthodontics, the removal or repair of misaligned or retained deciduous teeth, orthodontic appliances, crowns, caps or splints, luxation, horizontal bone loss, impacted teeth or embedded teeth.
- 16. Any cost relating to orthodontics, malocclusion, wry bite, supernumerary teeth, reverse scissor bite, posterior cross bite, anterior crossbite, overbite, brachygnathia, open bite or level bite.
- 17. For the cost of a post mortem examination.
- 18. Any costs or putting **Your Pet** to sleep unless it was necessary for humane reasons and to stop incurable suffering.
- 19. For costs resulting from an Injury or Illness that are excluded under the Policy.
- 20. For the cost of a house call unless the Vet confirms that Your Pet is suffering from a serious Injury or Illness and that moving Your Pet would either endanger its life or significantly worsen the serious Injury/Illness, regardless of Your personal circumstances.
- 21. For extra costs for treating **Your Pet** outside usual surgery hours; unless the **Vet** confirms an emergency, consultation is essential, regardless of **Your** personal circumstances.
- 22. For the cost of any additional veterinary attention required because **You** are unable to administer medication or **Your** personal circumstances.
- 23. For the cost of hospitalisation and any associated **Treatment**, unless the **Vet** confirms **Your Pet** must be hospitalised for essential **Treatment**, regardless of **Your** personal circumstances.
- 24. For any costs for treating an **Illness** or **Injury** after the last day of the **Period of Insurance**, unless a further **Period of Insurance** has been entered into by **You** and **Us**, in which case the costs may be paid under the new **Policy** entered into with **Us**.
- 25. Any costs for **Alternative or Complementary Treatment** or **Veterinary Treatment** that does not improve the health or wellbeing of **Your Pet**.
- 26. For the cost of buying or hiring equipment or machinery or any form of housing, including cages.
- 27 For the cost of any surgical items that can be used more than once.
- 28. The cost for **Your Vet** to write a prescription, charge a dispensing fee, charge administration fees or a claim form completion fee.
- 29. Any claim where the full medical history is not provided when requested.
- 30. Any bulk purchase of medicines that can't be used in full by the end of the current Policy period.
- 31. Any prolonged course of veterinary medicines, **Alternative or Complementary Treatments** for more than three (3) months if there is a veterinary operation that would have improved or cured the **Condition** unless agreed by **Us**. The maximum payment will be limited to the equivalent cost of the operation.
- 32. For the cost of any **Treatment** if a claim has not been submitted within **six (6) months** of **Your Pet** receiving **Treatment**, **We** may refuse or reduce the amount **We** pay to the extent that **We** are prejudiced by the late notification of the claim.
- 33. Any medicines that have not been approved by The Veterinary Medicines Regulations (VMR) or where there is no evidence to support the usage of this medicine for this **Condition**.
- 34. The cost of the following procedures; experimental **Treatments**, or therapies; prosthetics or orthopaedic supports or braces, open heart surgeries, cancer vaccinations, therapeutic antibody cancers, stem cell therapy, organ transplants, gene therapies, probiotics, **Dental** vaccines, cold laser **Treatments**, 3D printing, Juvenile Pubic Symphysiodesis (JPS), any drugs not used in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations.
- 35. For the cost of any **Treatment** while on a **Journey** if a **Vet** believes it can be delayed until **Your Pet** returns **Home**.

Special Conditions for Veterinary Fees

The maximum amount **We** will pay for the cost of **Treatment** for **Injury** and/or **Illness** is the **Maximum Benefit** that applies on the date the **Injury** happened or the date the **Clinical Signs** of the **Illness** first occurred, provided the relevant date falls within the **Period of Insurance**, subject to **Exclusions** of the **Policy** and less the applicable **Excess**.

- 1. If the claim includes medication, these costs will be subject to the **Maximum Benefit** that applies on the date the medication will be used.
- 2. If **We** receive a request to pay the claim settlement direct to a **Veterinary Practice**, **We** reserve the right to decline this request.
- 3. We may refer Your Pet's case history to Our Vet and if We request, You must arrange for Your Pet to be examined by Our Vet.
- 4. If You decide to take Your Pet to a different Vet for a second opinion because You are unhappy with the diagnosis or Treatment provided, You must tell Us before You arrange an appointment with the new Vet. If You do not, We will not pay any costs relating to the second opinion. If We request, You must use Our Vet We choose. If We decide the diagnosis or Treatment currently being provided is correct, We will not cover any costs relating to the second opinion.
- 5. It is Your responsibility to ensure the Veterinary Practice is paid within the required time frame:
 - a. If an additional charge is added to the cost of **Treatment** due to the late payment of fees, **We** will deduct this charge from the claim settlement.
 - b. If the **Veterinary Practice** provides a discount for paying the cost of **Treatment** within a certain time frame, **You** must provide payment within this time frame. If **You** do not, **We** will deduct the discount, which would have been provided, from the claim settlement.
- 6. We will require fully itemised invoices for all Alternative, Complementary and Veterinary Treatment.

Section 2 – Advertising and Reward

Cover under this section applies in the UK and Agreed Countries only.

What We Will Pay

If Your Pet is stolen or goes missing during the Period of Insurance:

- 1. The cost of advertising, and
- 2. The reward You have offered and paid to get Your Pet back.
- 3. If **Your Pet** is stolen or goes missing during **Your Journey**, **We** will also pay the cost of **Your** accommodation to stay and look for **Your Pet** if it has not been found or returned by the scheduled last date of **Your Journey**.

What You Pay

- 1. Any amount which exceeds the **Maximum Benefit** for all incidents covered under the relevant section or which will result in the **Maximum Benefit** being exceeded for all incidents during the **Period of Insurance**.
- 2. Your Excess as detailed in Your Certificate of Insurance.

What We Will Not Pay

- 1. For any reward that We have not agreed before You have advertised it.
- 2. For any reward not supported by a signed receipt giving the full name, address and telephone number of the person who found **Your Pet**.

- 3. Any reward paid to:
 - a. a member of **Your Family** or any person living with **You** or employed by **You**, including any person travelling with **You** during **Your Journey**.
 - b. the person who was caring for Your Pet when it was lost or stolen.
 - c. the person who stole **Your Pet** or any person who is in collusion with the person who stole **Your Pet**.
- 4. Any amount if a claim has not been submitted within **twelve (12) months** of **Your Pet** going missing, to the extent that **We** are prejudiced by the late notification of the claim.
- 5. If Your Pet is stolen or goes missing during Your Journey:
 - a. More than seven (7) days' accommodation costs and more than ± 60 for each day's accommodation.
 - b. Any amount if the cost of accommodation is at a property owned by You or Your Family.
- 6. Any amount unless there is some official documentation to certify the theft or loss was reported to the police or the shipping, or aircraft operator if the loss or theft happened while **You** were travelling with them.

Special Conditions for Advertising and Reward

- 1. You must as soon as possible take all reasonable steps to find or recover Your Pet. You must take the following steps:
 - a. Within twenty-four (24) hours of You discovering Your Pet is stolen or lost, You must tell the appropriate authority and obtain written confirmation of Your report. Depending on where You live the appropriate authority may be Your local Council or the police. If Your Pet is microchipped You must also contact Your microchip provider and Vet to advise that Your Pet is stolen or missing.
 - b. Tell all the Vets and local rescue centres within a reasonable distance of the area where Your
 Pet was last seen, within five (5) days of Your Pet going missing; and
 - c. If **Your Pet** has not been found within ninety (90) days, fill in a claim form and return it to **Us** as soon as possible.
 - d. If Your Pet was lost or stolen while being transported by a shipping agent or aircraft, You must as soon as possible report the loss to the operator and obtain written confirmation of Your report. There are other actions You can take, which although are not requirements of this insurance, may help to improve the chances of Your Pet returning Home. This includes notifying all Vets, local rescue centres, distributing flyers, do a letterbox drop in the area Your Pet went missing and searching the local area; We are happy to share useful tips with You if You contact Us.
- 2. You must obtain Our approval before advertising a reward; if not, the cost of the reward will not be covered by the **Policy**.
- 3. You must provide Us with a receipt(s) for any amount which You are claiming for. Any costs not supported by a receipt will not be covered under this section.
- 4. We will require fully itemised invoices for any costs arising from advertising and reward cover.

Section 3 – Third Party Liability

Cover under this section applies in the UK only.

In this section, 'You' and 'Your' mean You or any person looking after or handling Your Pet with Your permission.

What We Will Pay

Your legal liability for payment of compensation in respect of:

- 1. death, bodily Injury or Illness of another person, and/or
- 2. physical loss of or damage to property, occurring during the **Period of Insurance** and which is caused by an **Accident** caused by **Your Pet**.

We will also pay as a part of and not in addition to Your Maximum Benefit, the legal costs and expenses You incur for a legal liability claim covered under this Section with Our consent for which You are legally liable, plus the cost of any lawyers We appoint.

All **Accidents** of a series consequent upon or attributable to one source or original cause are treated by **Us** as one **Accident**. This cover applies in respect of an **Accident** occurring anywhere in the **UK**. The maximum amount **We** will pay for each claim under this Section 3 – Third Party Liability Cover under this **Policy** is £1,000,000. Where permitted by law, this limit will be reduced by any amount paid under any other insurance **You** have with **Us**, that provides cover for the same liability, loss, **Accident**, occurrence or incident.

What You Pay

The first £500 of each property claim under this Section.

What We Will Not Pay

- 1. Any amount which exceeds the **Maximum Benefit** for this section or which will result in the **Maximum Benefit** being exceeded.
- 2. Any amount in relation to Your legal liability for:
 - a. damage to Your property,
 - b. **Injury** to or death of any person who normally lives with **You** or is part of **Your Family** or for damage to their property,
 - c. Injury to Your employees or anyone who works for You, or for damage to their property,
 - d. loss of or damage to property in Your, a person who lives with You or a member of Your Immediate Family's care, custody or control or the care, custody or control of Your employees or any person who normally lives with You.
 - e. involving **Your** business trade or profession, or for events that happen where **You** work. This includes where **You** live, if **You** work from **Home** and **Your Pet** has access to **Your** work area,
 - f. any costs and expenses for defending You which We have not agreed beforehand because of the terms of an agreement (unless You would have been liable if the agreement did not exist), claims caused by, arising out of, or in any way connected with asbestos, claims caused by, arising out of or in any way connected with the discharge, dispersal, release or escape of pollutants defined as smoke, vapours, soot, fumes, acid, alkalis, toxic chemicals, liquids, gases, waste materials or other irritants, contaminants or pollutants into or upon land, the atmosphere or any watercourse or body of water. This Exclusion will not apply if such discharge, dispersal, release or escape is caused by an Accident which occurred during the Period of Insurance involving Your Pet.
 - g. the prevention of such contamination or pollution.
- 3. Claims caused by, arising out of, or in any way connected with:
 - a. pregnancy, or
 - b. the transmission of disease, to any other human or animal.

- 4. Claims caused by, arising out of or in any way connected with an **Accident**, if **You** have not followed the instructions or advice given to **You** by the previous owners of **Your Pet**, or the re-homing organisation or a qualified behaviourist or veterinarian about the behaviour of **Your Pet**.
- 5. Where **Your** legal liability is covered or indemnified, in any way under any:
 - a. statutory or compulsory scheme, fund or insurance, or
 - b. compensation scheme or workers compensation Policy of insurance, or
 - c. industrial award, even if the amount recoverable is nil.
- 6. Where **Your** legal liability is over that recoverable under any:
 - a. statutory or compulsory scheme, fund or insurance, or
 - b. Accident compensation scheme or workers compensation Policy of insurance, or
 - c. industrial award.
- 7. For any aggravated, exemplary or punitive damages, damages resulting from the multiplication of compensatory damages, fines or penalties.
- 8. If **Your Pet** is kept or lives on premises that sell alcohol, unless there is no access from the residential premises to the business premises.
- 9. For an incident which takes place when **Your Pet** is in the care of a business or a professional and **You** are paying for their services. For example, but not limited to, when **Your Pet** is in the care of a pet minder, a trainer, a pet sitter or at a boarding establishment.
- 10. If the **Accident** happens in an area or place where pets are specifically prohibited, unless **Your Pet** escapes and enters the area outside of **Your** control.

Special Conditions for Third Party Liability

- 1. You must not admit responsibility, agree to pay any claim or negotiate with any person following an incident which may give rise to claim under this section.
- 2. You must as soon as possible send Us any writ, summons or legal documents You receive and You or any other person on Your behalf must not respond to any of these documents.
- 3. You agree to provide Us with any information connected with the claim We reasonably ask for including details of Your Pet's history.
- 4. You agree to 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.
- 5. You must allow Us to take charge of Your claim and allow Us to prosecute in Your name for Our benefit.
- If more than one of the pets insured under the Policy are involved in, or contribute towards, an Accident which is covered under this section only one Maximum Benefit will apply to the Accident for all of the pets. This means that if:
 - a. The pets involved all have the same **Maximum Benefit**; the most **We** will pay for the **Accident** is that **Maximum Benefit**. For example, if all of the pets insured each have a **Maximum Benefit** of £1 million, **We** will pay no more than £1 million for the **Accident**.
 - b. If pets involved (all owned by **You**, but some are uninsured) **We** will pay no more than a pro ratio portion of the total amount of the claim, up to the **Maximum Benefit**.
- 7. If a business or a professional is being paid to care for **Your Pet** in any way (for example, but not limited to a pet minder, a trainer) it is **Your** responsibility to:
 - a. Make sure the business/person has the appropriate Third Party Liability insurance cover, and
 - b. Tell them if **Your Pet** has any behavioural problems or requires any special handling so they are able to handle **Your Pet** in an appropriate manner.

Section 4 - Death from Illness or Injury

Cover under this section applies in the UK only.

This section is an **Optional Extra Benefit** and only applies if it is shown as covered on **Your Certificate of Insurance**.

What We Will Pay

The price **You** paid for **Your Pet**, up to the **Maximum Benefit**, if it either dies or has to be put to sleep by a **Vet** during the **Period of Insurance** as a result of an **Injury** caused by an **Accident** or **Illness**. If **You** have no formal proof of how much **You** paid for **Your Pet**, **We** will pay the **Market Value** or purchase price, whichever is less. If **You** did not pay for **Your Pet We** will pay the **Market Value**.

What You Pay

The Excess shown on Your Certificate of Insurance.

What We Will Not Pay

- 1. Any amount which exceeds the **Maximum Benefit** for the relevant section or which will result in the **Maximum Benefit** being exceeded.
- 2. The Excess as detailed in Your Certificate of Insurance.
- 3. Any amount if the death results from an **Injury** or **Illness** that happened prior to the **Period of Insurance**.
- 4. Any amount if **Your Pet**'s death results from a **Pre-Existing Condition** during the first **twelve (12) months** of **Your Pet**'s insurance unless otherwise stated on **Your Certificate of Insurance**.
- 5. Any amount if Your Pet's death results from an Illness or Injury which starts in the Waiting Period.
- 6. Any amount unless **Your Vet** confirms it was not humane to keep **Your Pet** alive because it was suffering from an **Injury** that could not be treated or an incurable **Illness**.
- 7. Any amount if the death results from breeding, pregnancy or giving birth.
- 8. Any amount if a claim has not been submitted within one year of **Your Pet's** death, to the extent that **We** are prejudiced by the late notification of the claim.
- 9. Any amount if the death results from an **Injury** or **Illness** specified as excluded on **Your Certificate** of **Insurance** or generally not covered within these terms and conditions.
- 10. Any amount if the death results from fire, wind, storm, lightning, or flood.

Special Conditions for Death from Illness or Injury

- 1. You must provide in the event of a sudden or unexplained death or if Your Pet dies within the first twelve (12) months of the insurance cover a post mortem report at Your own expense. In all other cases of death We require a death certificate from a Vet.
- 2. We would also require Your Pets original purchase receipt from where You bought Your Pet, where applicable; We will not pay for this information.

Section 5 – Loss from Theft, Fire or Weather Perils

Cover under this section applies in the UK only.

This section is an **Optional Extra Benefit** and only applies if it is shown as covered on **Your Certificate of Insurance**.

What We Will Pay

The price **You** paid for **Your Pet**, up to the **Maximum Benefit**, if it is stolen due to forcible or violent entry; dies or is proven missing as a result of fire, wind, storm, lightning or flood during the **Period of Insurance** and is not recovered or does not return. If **You** have no formal proof of how much **You** paid for **Your Pet**, **We** will pay the **Market Value** or purchase price, whichever is less. If **You** did not pay for **Your Pet We** will pay the **Market Value**.

What You Pay

The Excess shown on Your Certificate of Insurance.

What We Will Not Pay

- 1. Any amount which exceeds the **Maximum Benefit** for the relevant section or which will result in the **Maximum Benefit** being exceeded.
- 2. Any amount if **You** or the person looking after **Your Pet** has freely parted with it, even if tricked into doing so, unless anyone was looking after or transporting **Your Pet** in return for money, goods or services.
- 3. Any amount if a claim has not been submitted within **twelve (12)** months of **Your Pet** being stolen or going missing, to the extent that **We** are prejudiced by the late notification of the claim.
- 4. Any amount in the event of escape or mysterious disappearance (unless by a weather peril).
- 5. Theft from an unattended vehicle or from an unattended stand at a show or exhibition.
- 6. Theft or loss from an alcohol licensed premises.
- 7. Theft or loss from an address **Your Pet** has been living at for longer than thirty (30) days which is not the address on **Your Certificate of Insurance**.

Special Conditions for Loss from Theft, Fire or Weather Perils

- 1. Within twenty-four (24) hours of **You** discovering **Your Pet** is stolen, **You** must tell the appropriate authority and obtain written confirmation of **Your report**. Depending on where **You** live the appropriate authority may be **Your** local Council or the police. If **Your Pet** is microchipped **You** must also contact **Your** microchip provider and **Vet** to advise that **Your Pet** is stolen or missing.
- 2. No settlement will be made for loss of **Your Pet** by theft until ninety (90) days after the incident is reported to **Us** and then only in the event that **Your Pet** is not recovered.
- 3. To claim for theft cover the following security requirements must be in place if **Your Pet** is kept outside:
 - a. Single pet or collection of pets insured, valued up to £1,500; All openings to the enclosures must be protected by closed shackled high tensile steel padlocks.
 - b. Single pet or collection of pets insured, valued between £1,501 and £10,000; All openings to the enclosures must be protected by closed shackled high tensile steel padlocks. Enclosures must be constructed to a standard suitable to prevent theft or escape of **Your Pets**. Security lighting must be operational continuously covering the enclosure. Enclosure must be recorded continuously by CCTV including Day & Night Vision and must be powered by wires connected to a mains power system, **We** will require a copy of this in the event of a claim.
 - c. Single pet or collection of pets insured, valued over £10,001; Please refer to **Your Certificate of Insurance** for security requirements which will apply.

- 4. To submit a claim for theft or loss You must have advertised the loss of Your Pet for at least ninety (90) days and when You claim You must provide Us with evidence showing the advertising took place, the pet's original purchase receipt from where You bought Your Pet, where applicable; We will not pay for this information.
- 5. If **Your Pet** has not been found within ninety (90) days, please fill in a claim form and return it to **Us** as soon as possible.
- 6. If the claim is paid the purchase receipt will not be returned to **You**.
- 7. If Your Pet is found or returns, You must repay the full amount We have paid You.
- 8. If the loss or theft happened during **Your Journey** please also send **Us** the booking invoice for **Your Journey** or any other official documentation to show the dates of **Your Journey**.
- 9. Outside pet housing and/or enclosures must be constructed and maintained to a standard that will withstand normal weather perils. If there is a disagreement between You and Us in respect of normal weather perils, the details will be referred to an independent specialist/ loss adjuster mutually agreed upon. Both You and Us agree to accept the third party's decision.
- 10. You must maintain, where applicable, in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations all CCTV systems, fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, electrical wiring and appliances, security lights and locks and secure the premises where Your Pet is kept, when they are unoccupied and during the hours of darkness. All security systems must be fully operational at all times and activated when premises are unoccupied.
- 11. In the event of death by a weather peril, a Death Certificate issued by a Vet will be required.
- 12. In the event of death by fire, a Death Certificate by a **Vet** or verification by an independent third party e.g. fire officer is required.
- 13. If there have been any break-ins or attempted break-ins at the premises where Your Pet is kept within the twelve (12) months prior to the commencement of Your Policy You must have notified Us before Your cover commences.
- 14. You must as soon as possible take all reasonable steps to find or recover Your Pet. You must take the following steps:
 - a. Within twenty-four (24) hours of **You** discovering **Your Pet** is stolen, **You** must tell the appropriate authority and obtain written confirmation of **Your** report. Depending on where **You** live the appropriate authority may be **Your** local Council or the police.
 - b. Tell all the Vets and local rescue centres within a reasonable distance of the area where Your Pet was last seen, within five (5) days of Your Pet going missing; and
 - c. If **Your Pet** has not been found within ninety (90) days, fill in a claim form and return it to **Us** as soon as possible.
 - d. If **Your Pet** was lost or stolen while being transported by a shipping agent or aircraft, **You** must as soon as possible report the loss to the operator and obtain written confirmation of **Your** report.
 - e. There are other actions You can take, which although are not requirements of this insurance, may help to improve the chances of Your Pet returning Home. This includes notifying all Vets, local rescue centres, distributing flyers, do a letterbox drop in the area Your Pet went missing and searching the local area; We are happy to share useful tips with You if You contact Us.

Section 6 – Loss from Not Returning whilst Flying

Cover under this section applies in the UK only.

This section is an **Optional Extra Benefit** only available to birds of prey and only applies if it is shown as covered on **Your Certificate of Insurance**.

What We Will Pay

The price You paid for Your Pet, up to the Maximum Benefit as agreed and stated in Your Certificate of Insurance, if it is proven missing whilst flying during the Period of Insurance and is not recovered or does not return. If You have no formal proof of how much You paid for Your Pet, We will pay the Market Value or purchase price, whichever is less. If You did not pay for Your Pet We will pay the Market Value.

What You Pay

The Excess shown on Your Certificate of Insurance.

What We Will Not Pay

- 1. Any amount which exceeds the **Maximum Benefit** for this section or which will result in the **Maximum Benefit** being exceeded.
- 2. Any amount in the event of escape or mysterious disappearance.
- 3. Any amount if a claim has not been submitted within twelve (12) months of Your Pet going missing.
- 4. Any amount if the loss happened prior to the Period of Insurance.
- 5. Any amount due to a loss which is excluded on **Your Certificate of Insurance** or generally not covered within these terms and conditions.
- 6. Any amount if Your bird is not flown with telemetry tracking equipment.

Special Conditions for Loss from Not Returning whilst Flying

- 1. Your Pet must be flown with telemetry tracking equipment.
- 2. No settlement will be made for loss of **Your Pet** until ninety (90) days after the incident is reported to **Us** and then only in the event that **Your Pet** is not recovered.
- 3. Any loss must be notified to **Us** as soon as it occurs.
- 4. To submit a claim for theft or loss You must have advertised the loss of Your Pet for at least ninety (90) days and when You claim You must provide Us with evidence showing the advertising took place, the pet's original purchase receipt from where You bought Your Pet, where applicable; We will not pay for this information.
- 5. If the claim is paid the purchase receipt will not be returned to You.
- 6. If Your Pet is found or returns, You must repay the full amount We have paid You.
- 7. You must as soon as possible take all reasonable steps to find or recover Your Pet. You must take the following steps:
 - a. Tell all the Vets and local rescue centres within a reasonable distance of the area where Your Pet was last seen, within five (5) days of Your Pet going missing; and
 - b. If **Your Pet** has not been found within ninety (90) days, fill in a claim form and return it to **Us** as soon as possible.

There are other actions **You** can take, which although are not requirements of this insurance, may help to improve the chances of **Your Pet** returning **Home**. This includes notifying all **Vet**s, local rescue centres, distributing flyers, do a letterbox drop in the area **Your Pet** went missing and searching the local area; **We** are happy to share useful tips with **You** if **You** contact **Us**.

Claiming

Making a claim

It's distressing when a much-loved pet suffers an **Injury** or **Illness** so **We** do all **We** can to make the claims process as quick and easy as possible. There's lots of useful information on **Our** website: *www.britishpetinsurance.co.uk* to assist **You** making a claim.

Claim payments will be made directly into your bank account or by cheque, if another method of payment is required any costs incurred for administration will be deducted from the claim settlement.

How to claim

Notify Us of a potential claim as soon as possible by:

- 1. Downloading and completing a claim form from **Our** website: www.britishpetinsurance.co.uk/claims or
- 2. Contact Us by telephone if You would like Us to send You a claim form; or
- Claims for Veterinary Fees only may be lodged with Your Vet (if mutually agreed by Your Vet) and We will pay the Veterinary Practice directly. You will need to pay Your Vet the applicable Excess(es) and any non-claimable items.
- 4. Claims for Veterinary Fees must be notified to Us no later than six (6) months after the Treatment date.
- 5. We will not guarantee on the phone if We will pay a claim. You must send Us a claim form that has been fully completed and We will then write to You with Our decision.
- 6. Contact Us as soon as possible about any incident that happens involving Injury to a person, another animal or property even if You don't believe a claim will be made against You at the time. Call Us on 01444 708840 Monday to Friday 9am 5pm. Do not admit responsibility, agree to pay any claim or negotiate with any person following an incident that may give rise to a claim. Any writ, summons or legal documents received by You need to be sent to Us as soon as possible. You must not respond to any of these documents.

Please send Us the following supporting documentation related to Your claim or incident:

For Section 1 - Veterinary Fees	You will be required to complete a claim form in all instances, and You should telephone Us on 01444 708840 or email info@petcover.uk.com as soon as possible You become aware of a potential claim, or alternatively You can download a claim form from Our website address. For payment Your Veterinary Practice/Surgeon must complete their section of the claim form and substantiate each claim with an invoice and clinical history detailing all Treatment administered and drugs prescribed. The completed claim form together with all relevant documentation e.g. Your Pet's clinical history should be returned to Us within six (6) months of the completion of the Treatment. If Your completed claim form is not returned to Us within six (6) months, it may affect the validity of Your claim or delay renewal terms being offered on Your insurance Policy.
	For this section of cover, the Veterinary Practice must complete the relevant section of the claim form.
	 Please send Us the original fully itemised invoices from the Veterinary Practice which show what You are claiming for. (Photocopies of invoices are not acceptable).

	 b. When You make the first claim for Your Pet, We will obtain its full clinical history. The full clinical history is a record of all visits Your Pet has made to a Vet and this information will be obtained from each Veterinary Practice Your Pet has attended. c. Claims for certain Conditions may also require additional information about Your Pet's full clinical history. We will advise You if We need this once We receive Your claim form. d. For Veterinary Fees, if the claim is for Treatment in an Agreed Country, You need to provide the booking invoice for Your Journey or any other official documents which show the dates of Your Journey.
For Section 2 - Advertising and Reward	 You must phone Us on 01444 708840 and talk to Our claims team, for the approval of any reward before You advertise it. Please send Us: a. The original fully itemised invoices and receipts to show the costs involved, including a receipt for any reward paid, and b. If the loss or theft happened during Your Journey, the booking invoice or another official document to show the dates of Your Journey, and c. If applicable the police or operator's report.
For Section 3 - Third Party Liability	 You must contact Our claims team on 01444 708840 as soon as reasonably possible, for advice if someone is holding You responsible for an Accidental Injury or damage caused by Your Pet. We will send You a claim form to complete. IMPORTANT: do not accept any responsibility or respond to any correspondence whether verbal or written. Please send Us: a. Your completed claim form with any detailed written description of the incident, and b. Any correspondence that You may have received from a third party, this includes court documentation and legal documents.
For Section 4 - Death from Illness & Injury	If death cover is included in Your insurance You will be required to complete a claim form in all instances, and should telephone Us on 01444 708840 or email <i>info@petcover.uk.com</i> as soon as possible You become aware of a potential claim, or alternatively You can download a claim form from Our website www.britishpetinsurance.co.uk/claims. For payment, Your Veterinary Practice/ Surgeon must complete their section of the claim form, and You will be required at Your own expense, to support Your claim with either: a death certificate from the attending Vet confirming the death of The Insured Pet and identifying marks or features or, a full written post mortem report (see Section 4, Conditions 1). The completed claim form together with all relevant documentation should be returned to Us within thirty (30) days of original notification of the claim. If Your completed claim form is not returned to Us within thirty (30) days, it may affect the validity of Your claim or delay renewal terms being offered on Your insurance Policy if Your Policy covered more than one pet. Please send Us: a. The post mortem or death certificate from Your Vet , b. The purchase receipt from when You bought Your Pet , c. A copy of Your Article 10 certificate or justification as to why this cannot be provided.

For Section 5 - Theft/Fire/ Weather Perils	 In the event of theft, You should as soon as possible notify the local police of the circumstances surrounding Your loss. In the event of the loss or death of Your Pet from fire or weather perils We may require an independent third party to substantiate the death (i.e. the attending fire officer). You will be required to complete a claim form, and You should therefore telephone Us on 01444 708840 or email <i>info@petcover.uk.com</i> as soon as possible You become aware of a potential claim. Please send Us: a. Evidence of the advertising carried out to try and find Your Pet, b. The purchase receipt from when You bought Your Pet, c. A copy of Your Article 10 certificate or justification as to why this cannot be
For Section 6 - Not Returning Whilst Flying	 provided. In the event of the loss of Your Pet from not returning whilst flying, You will be required to complete a claim form, and You should therefore telephone Us on 01444 708840 or email <i>info@petcover.uk.com</i> as soon as possible after You become aware of a potential claim. Please send Us: a. The purchase receipt from when You bought Your Pet, b. A copy of Your Article 10 certificate or justification as to why this cannot be provided.

Making a complaint

Our aim is to ensure that all aspects of your insurance are dealt with promptly, efficiently and fairly. At all times we are committed to providing you with the highest standard of service.

If you wish to make a complaint, you can do so at any time by referring the matter in the first instance to us.

The address is:

British Pet Insurance Services

4 Bridge Road Business Park, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1TX Telephone: 01444 708840 Email: *info@petcover.uk.com* Website: *www.britishpetinsurance.co.uk*

Please note:

If you are not satisfied after we have reviewed your complaint, you may refer it to the Financial Ombudsman Service within six (6) months of the date of our final response.

The FOS is an independent service in the UK for settling disputes between consumers and businesses providing financial services. You can find more information on the FOS at: *www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk.*

Compensation

Alwyn Insurance Company Limited are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if Alwyn Insurance Company Limited is unable to meet its obligations to you under this insurance.

If you were entitled to compensation under the scheme, the level and extent of the compensation would depend on the nature of this insurance. Further Information about the scheme is available from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (PO Box 300, Mitcheldean, GL17 1DY) and on their website: *www.fscs.org.uk*.

Pet Bereavement Support Service

Blue Cross offers an invaluable service to support pet owners after a loss of their much-loved companions. They aid owners not only through a time of grief due to bereavement, but also in the stressful event of their pet's going missing or being stolen.

Blue Cross can be reached every day on 0800 096 6606 from 8.30am - 8.30pm to offer their assistance to those who are suffering a loss. Access is also possible via Webchat from 8:30am – 8:30pm every day at *www.bluecross.org.uk/about-pbss*. Alternatively, they can be contacted via email: *pbss@bluecross.org.uk*, where a trained volunteer will respond within 48 hours.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Blue Cross if you need someone to talk to; it is important to get the help you need during challenging times.

Data Privacy Notice – Petcover (EU) Ltd

Your information has been, or will be, collected or received by Petcover EU Limited. We will manage personal data in accordance with data protection law and data protection principles. We require personal data in order to provide good-quality insurance and ancillary services and will collect the personal data required to do this. This may be personal information such as name, address, contact details, identification details, financial information and risk details.

The full Data Privacy Notice can be found at www.britishpetinsurance.co.uk.

A paper copy of the Data Privacy Notice can be obtained by contacting us by email (*info@petcover.uk.com*) or at this address:

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Data Privacy Notice – Alwyn Insurance Company Limited

The **Insurers** are a data controller (as defined by the UK Data Protection Act 2018 and all applicable laws which replace or amend it, including the General Data Protection Regulation) who may collect and process your personal information.

For full details of what data the **Insurers** collects about you, how they use it, who they share it with, how long they keep it and your rights relating to Your personal data, please refer to the **Insurers**

Privacy Notice which will be available on the Insurers website www.archcapgroup.com/privacy-policy

In summary:

The **Insurers** may, as part of their agreement with you under this contract, collect personal information about you, including:

- Name, address, contact details, date of birth and cover required
- Financial information such as bank details
- Details of any claim

The **Insurers** collect and process Your personal information for the purpose of insurance and claims administration.

All phone calls may be monitored and recorded and the recordings used for fraud prevention and detection, training and quality control purposes.

Your personal information may be shared with third parties which supply services to the **Insurers Insurers** or which process information on behalf of the **Insurers** (for example, premium collection and claims validation, or for communication purposes related to your cover). The **Insurers** will ensure that they keep your information secure and do not use it for purposes other than those that are specified in the Privacy Notice.

Some third parties that process your data on behalf of the **Insurers** may do so outside of the European Economic Area ("EEA"). This transfer and processing are protected by EU Model Contracts which aim to provide the equivalent level of data protection to that found in the EU.

The **Insurers** will keep your personal information only for as long as they believe is necessary to fulfil the purposes for which the personal information was collected (including for the purpose of meeting any legal obligations).

The **Insurers** will share your information if they are required to by law. The **Insurers** may share your information with enforcement authorities if they asked to do so, or with a third party in the context of actual or threatened legal proceedings, provided they can do so without breaching data protection laws.

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