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

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

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

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

#### **PET INSURANCE**

This Pet Insurance Policy is underwritten by Watford Insurance Company Europe Limited, a private limited company incorporated in Gibraltar incorporation number 112869. Watford Insurance Company Europe Limited is authorised and regulated by the Gibraltar Financial Services Commission and subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). Details about the extent of our regulation by the FCA are available on request. FCA Firm Reference Number is 714197.

This **Policy** will be administered by Corinium Insurance Services which is a trading style of Trent-Services (Administration) Ltd, who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (Firm reference number 315285). Registered in England and Wales No 05297950. Registered Office: Trent House, Love Lane, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1XD.

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

#### STATEMENT OF DEMANDS AND NEEDS

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

## **EVIDENCE OF COVER**

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

#### **CANCELLATION PERIOD**

If, after reading this document, **You** decide the terms of the insurance contract do not meet **Your** requirements **You** can, within 14 days of the date of **You** received this document contact the **Administrator** for a full refund of **Premium** provided **You** have not made or intend to make a claim under this insurance **Policy**.

If You give Us notice to cancel the Policy, You must send it to the Administrator, Corinium Insurance Services at: Trent House, Love Lane, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1XD or e-mail: admin@coriniuminsuranceservices.co.uk.

At any other time during the **Period of Insurance**, **We** or **You** may cancel the **Policy** by giving 30 days notice however, **We** reserve the right to cancel this **Policy** on 7 days written notice if **You** do not abide by the terms of these conditions, this will include acting dishonestly or fraudulently.

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

If You have paid for Your Policy in annual instalments and Your Pet passes away, We may refund the remaining amount You have paid for the rest of the Period of Insurance on a pro-rata basis, as long as You have not made a claim.

If You give Us notice to cancel the Policy, You must send it to the Administrator, Corinium Insurance Services at Trent House, Love Lane, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1XD or e-mail: admin@coriniuminsuranceservices.co.uk.

If We give You notice We will send it to Your last known address.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Your Pet must be aged between 8 weeks old and up to 8 years old on the date of purchasing this insurance Policy.
- Your Pet must not be used for breeding, working, guarding, track racing, coursing or used in connection with shooting i.e gundogs
- Your Pet must not be a dog that is, or is crossed with, a Pit Bull Terrier, Dogo Argentino, Perro De Presa Canario (Dogo Canario), Japanese Tosa or a Fila Brasileiro, including any "type", as defined in the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, considered to match the description of a prohibited "type"; any breed crossed with the above or the breeds as listed in the general exclusions section of this policy document; and any other breed or type deemed to be dangerous by the Secretary of State and subsequently added to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.
- 4) **Your** dog must not have been the subject of any complaint to the
- 5) This **Policy** is only available to **You** if **You** and **Your Pet** are permanently resident in the **United Kingdom**.
- 6) Your dog must be microchipped.
- 7) Your Pet must be registered at a United Kingdom Veterinary Practice on the Policy start date.

## **AMENDING COVER**

<u>You</u> cannot upgrade or increase <u>Your</u> cover mid-term. You may only apply for an increase in cover once <u>Your</u> Policy reaches <u>Your</u> annual renewal/review date by contacting the <u>Administrator</u>.

Upgrade/Downgrade cover – If **You** request to change **Your Pet** Policy to an additional or higher policy cover limit, the additional



or higher policy limits will not apply if the **Clinical Signs**, condition or symptoms started before the transfer date.

If **You** request to change **Your Pet** policy to a policy with lower policy limits, the higher policy limits will no longer apply to any claims **You** are currently making.

Any upgrades or increases in cover will in most cases result in **Your Premium** amount increasing.

## CORINIUM PET HELPLINE: VET CONNECTION WEBCHAT, PHONE AND VIDEO SUPPORT

The Corinium Pet Helpline which is provided by The Vet Connection is a specialist helpline service available to all of **Our** policyholders. It can offer **You** peace of mind, with 24-hour support from fully trained veterinary nurses and unlimited communication via webchat, phone or video call.

#### 24/7/365 PHONE LINE

The phone lines go directly to vets and veterinary nurses who will offer appropriate advice. If **You** need to use this service call: **0333 332 0530** 

#### LIVE WEB CHAT

We offer this service as a convenient option for policyholders. If You need to use this service please access the link on our website: https://www.coriniuminsuranceservices.co.uk/petinsurance/covers.php

### VIDEO CONSULTATIONS

Depending on the situation the veterinary team will escalate a call or web chat and arrange a video consultation with the pet in view when clarity is required to make an assessment.

#### AMOUNT OF COVER

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

## LIFETIME LEVEL 1: VETERINARY FEES £1,500

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

The Maximum Benefit We will pay out in any one Period of Insurance is £1,500, which is also inclusive of any Complimentary Treatment Your Pet may receive.

#### LIFETIME LEVEL 2: VETERINARY FEES £3,500

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

The Maximum Benefit We will pay out in any one Period of Insurance is £3,500, which is also inclusive of any Complimentary Treatment Your Pet may receive.

## LIFETIME LEVEL 3: VETERINARY FEES £5,000

We will pay for Veterinary Fees for each new medical condition. You will be covered for Veterinary Fees up to the Policy limit each year and this will be reinstated each year providing cover is made available to You and You continue to renew Your Policy with Us. The Maximum Benefit We will pay out in any one Period of Insurance is £5,000, which is also inclusive of any Complimentary Treatment Your Pet may receive.

#### ACCIDENT ONLY: VETERINARY FEES £2,000

We will pay for veterinary fees for your pet if your pet has been hurt in an **Accident** or if your pet is ill as a result of an **Accident**.

The **Maximum Benefit** we will pay out in any one **Period of Insurance** is £2,000.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

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

Administrator – Means Corinium Insurance Services, Trent House, Love Lane, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1XD, e-mail: admin@coriniuminsuranceservices.co.uk, telephone: 01285 626032.

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

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

Certificate of Insurance - An insurance validation issued by Us which forms part of this Policy and contains the name of policyholder and gives Your Pet's details and details of the cover provided by this Policy.

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

**Claims Handler -** Corinium Insurance Services. Telephone: 01285 626032 or e-mail **Us** at admin@coriniuminsuranceservices.co.uk quoting **Your Policy** number.

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

**Co-Payment -** The amount **You** are required to pay towards the costs of the **Veterinary Fees** where **Your Pet** is aged 0 years up to 6 Years at the time of the claim, 7 Years + or 10 Years + at the time of the claim. The increase in **Co-Payment** applies even if **Your Pet** turns 7 or 10 part way through the **Veterinary Treatment** period.

The Co-Payment amounts applicable are as follows:

0 Years up to 6 Years: 15% will be deducted from the claims

settlement after the Excess;

7 Years +: 20% will be deducted from the claims

settlement after the Excess;

10 Years +: 30% will be deducted from the claims

settlement after the Excess.

An example of how a claim would be calculated with a **Co-Payment** and **Excess** is as follows:

| Valid claim arises for <b>Veterinary Fees</b> : | £500.00 |
|---|---------|
| Excess amount:                                  | £90.00  |
| Amount payable less <b>Excess</b> :             | £410.00 |
| 15% Co-Payment:                                 | £61.50  |
| Claim total settlement:                         | £348.50 |



| Valid claim arises for <b>Veterinary Fees</b> : | £500.00 |
|---|---------|
| Excess amount:                                  | £90.00  |
| Amount payable less <b>Excess</b> :             | £410.00 |
| 20% Co-Payment:                                 | £82.00  |
| Claim total settlement:                         | £328.00 |

| Valid claim arises for Veterinary Fees: | £500.00 |
|---|---------|
| Excess amount:                          | £90.00  |
| Amount payable less Excess:             | £410.00 |
| 30% Co-Payment:                         | £123.00 |
| Claim total settlement:                 | £287.00 |

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

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

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

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

**Excess** - This is the first amount of each unrelated claim for a new condition which is payable by **You**. This amount is stated on **Your Certificate of Insurance**.

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

**Illness** - Changes to a normal healthy state, sickness, disease, defects and abnormalities including defects and abnormalities **Your Pet** was born with or were passed on by its parents.

**Immediate Family - Your** husband, wife, civil partner, life partner, parents, sons and daughters.

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

Maximum Benefit - The most We will pay during the Period of Insurance is detailed in the Certificate of Insurance.

**Period of Insurance** - The period for which **We** have accepted the **Premium** as stated in **Your Certificate of Insurance**. This is an annually renewable **Policy**.

**Policy - Your Certificate of Insurance**, this policy and endorsements.

Pre-Existing conditions - Any condition, Illness, Injury or Bilateral Condition which occurred or first showed Clinical Signs prior to the Policy start date, whether diagnosed or not or existing in any form even if the diagnosis changes. This includes if the condition, Illness, Injury or Bilateral Condition has the same diagnoses or is caused by, relates to or results from a condition, Illness or Injury which occurred prior to the policy start date.

**Premium –** The amount **You** must pay for **Your** Certificate for the **Period of Insurance**.

**Territorial Limits - United Kingdom** - which means England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland.

**United Kingdom -** England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

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

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

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

**We, Us, Our, Insurer –** Means Watford Insurance Company Europe Limited.

You/Your - The person whose name appears on Your Certificate of Insurance document.

Your Pet - Any dog or cat named on the Certificate of Insurance.

## **SECTIONS OF COVER**

#### **SECTION 1 VETERINARY FEES**

## WHAT YOU ARE COVERED FOR:

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

#### WHAT YOU ARE NOT COVERED FOR:

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

- 1. The Excess as shown in Your Certificate of Insurance.
- 2. The **Co-Payment** amount of 15% where **Your Pet** is 0 years of age up to age 6.
- 3. The **Co-Payment** amount of 20% where **Your Pet** is 7 years of age up to age 10.
- The Co-Payment amount of 30% where Your Pet is 10 years of age or older, even if Your Pet turns 7 or 10 part way through a treatment period.
- 5. More than the **Maximum Benefit** for the combined treatment cost of all **Illnesses** and injuries in the **Period of Insurance**.
- 6. Any Pre-existing Conditions.
- 7. Any **Chronic Condition** that pre dates the **Policy** start date.
- 8. The cost of treatment for:
- a. An **Accident** within the first 5 days of **Your Pet's** first **Policy** year,
- b. An  ${\bf Illness}$  caused by or relating to or a clinical sign that was



- noticed, or an **Illness** that showed **Clinical Signs**, within the first 14 days of **Your Pet's** first **Period of Insurance**.
- 9. The cost of treatment to prevent Injury or Illness.
- The cost of treatment or complications arising from treatment, You choose to have carried out and is not directly related to an Injury or Illness, including but not limited to dew claws (unless damaged) and umbilical hernias.
- 11. The cost of killing and controlling fleas and worms.
- 12. The cost of any food (including food prescribed by a Vet).
- 13. The cost of pheromone **Vet** Plan Product (including DAP diffusers and Feliway) unless used as part of a structured behaviour modification programme, and then limited to a maximum period of 6 months
- 14. The cost of vaccinations, castration (including chemical castration), spaying (including spaying for mammary tumours and false pregnancy).
- 15. Any costs associated with breeding as well as pregnancy and birth (including caesarean sections).
- 16. Any costs associated with having Your Pet put to sleep including but not limited to - veterinary consultations, prescribed medications specifically needed to carry out the procedure, cremation costs, post mortem costs.
- The cost of house calls unless the Vet confirms that moving Your Pet would further damage its health, regardless of Your personal circumstances.
- 18. Extra costs for treating **Your Pet** outside usual surgery hours, unless the **Vet** confirms that the condition is an **Emergency**.
- 19. The cost of hospitalisation and any associated **Veterinary Treatment**, unless the **Vet** confirms it is essential that **Your Pet** is hospitalised, regardless of **Your** personal circumstance.
- 20. The cost of surgical items that can be used more than once.
- 21. The cost of treatment for or in connection with aggression which is inherent in **Your Pet** or behavioural **Illness** if **Your Pet's** behaviour is caused by **You** failing to provide training.
- 22. The cost of any form of housing, including cages, whether hired or purchased.
- 23. The cost of bathing, grooming or de-matting Your Pet unless: You have taken all reasonable steps to maintain Your Pet's health; and:
- a. A Vet confirms veterinary expertise is needed and therefore only
  a Vet or a member of a veterinary practice can carry out these
  activities, regardless of Your personal circumstances.
- 24. The cost of any prosthesis, including any **Veterinary Treatment** needed to fit the prosthesis, other than the cost of hip, knee and/or elbow replacement(s).
- The cost of any claim caused by Your negligence (including the treatment of obese Pets and symptoms incidental to obesity).
- 26. Any costs relating to dental or gum treatment unless as a direct result of an **Accident** and providing **Your Pet** had a dental examination by a **Vet** within 12 months of the **Accident**.
- 27. More than one claim for a **Dietary Indiscretion** during any one **Period of Insurance**. We will only pay the first and earliest occurrence of a **Dietary Indiscretion**.
- 28. Any **Veterinary Fees** for treatment to a **Vets** own **Pet** and fees for pets belonging to veterinary practice staff unless claimed at cost price.
- $29. \ \,$  The cost of any treatment in connection with retained testicles
- 30. Any cost associated with routine or investigative laboratory tests or procedures unless the Clinical Signs/symptoms exist and the tests and procedures are to diagnose a specific condition or to assist with the ongoing maintenance of a diagnosed condition. This includes pre-operative blood tests unless Your Pet's medical history indicates a life threatening risk during surgery.
- 31. Any administrative costs incurred by completing a claim form, **Vet** referral letters, postage and packing fees and clinical waste fees.
- 32. The cost of obtaining a second opinion regarding **Your Pet's** condition.
- 33. Any claim notified 90 days after the end date of the **Veterinary Treatment** for the condition, **Injury** or **Illness**.
- 34. Any clam for the cruciate ligament that occurs within 14 days of the commencement date of **Your Policy** will be treated as an **Illness** and not an **Accident**.
- 35. Costs resulting from any transportation associated with the
- 36. Any costs for the treatment of **Your Pet** that relate to organ transplantation.

- Expenses not supported by a receipt or invoice showing all the details of the costs incurred.
- 38. Costs for treatment that are not incurred during the **Period of Insurance**

#### SECTION 2 - COMPLEMENTARY TREATMENT

## WHAT YOU ARE COVERED FOR:

We will pay You up to £1,000 for the cost of Complementary Treatment Your Pet has received within the United Kingdom during the Period of Insurance to treat an Illness or Injury. Please note if you claim under this section of Your Policy, any amount will be deducted from Your Maximum Benefit as detailed on Your Certificate of Insurance.

#### WHAT YOU ARE NOT COVERED FOR:

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

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

#### **SECTION 3 - PUBLIC LIABILITY**

#### WHAT YOU ARE COVERED FOR:

Third Party Liability Cover under this section only applies to dogs only. This section does not apply to anywhere outside of the **United Kingdom.** 

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

## WHAT WE WILL PAY FOR:

If property is damaged, or someone is killed, injured or falls ill as a result of an incident involving **Your Pet** during the

Period of Insurance and You are legally responsible, We will pay:

- 1. Compensation and claimant's costs and expenses, and
- 2. Legal costs and expenses for defending a claim against You.
- Public Liability Limit of Indemnity £1,000,000 in aggregate, within the Period of Insurance.

#### WHAT YOU PAY:

The **Excess** applicable to this section is the first £250 of any compensation, bodily injury claim paid under this section of **Your Policy**.

## WHAT WE WILL NOT PAY FOR:

- Any loss, damage or liability which is covered under another policy of insurance.
- 2. More than the maximum limit of indemnity for each incident.
- Any costs and expenses for defending You which We have not agreed beforehand.
- Any compensation, costs and expenses for an incident which involves Your profession, occupation or business.
- Any compensation, costs and expenses if You are legally responsible only because of a contract You have entered into.



- Any compensation, costs and expenses if the person who is killed, injured or falls ill, lives with You, is a member of Your Immediate Family or is employed by You.
- Any compensation, costs and expenses if the property damaged belongs to You, any person who lives with You, a member of Your Immediate Family or a person who is employed by You.
- Any compensation, costs and expenses 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 is damaged.
- Any compensation, costs and expenses that result from an incident if You have not followed instructions or advice given to You by a Vet, previous owners or the re-homing organisation about the behaviour of Your Pet.
- Any compensation, costs and expenses if You are deemed responsible under the laws of any country, other than members of the European Union.
- Any compensation, costs and expenses if You are responsible 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 involving Your Pet.
- 12. Any compensation, costs and expenses resulting from an incident that happens where **You** work.
- Any compensation, costs and expenses if Your Pet is kept or lives on premises which sell alcohol.
- Costs resulting from any incident specified as excluded on Your Certificate of Insurance Animal Details or generally not covered within these Terms and Conditions.
- 15. Death or bodily **Injury** (including disease and **Illness**) and loss or damage to property arising out of ownership, custody or control by or on behalf of **You** of a dog of a type specified in Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (or designated for the purposes of that Section by an order of the Secretary of State) or in the Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.
- Any fines, penalties for breach of quarantine restrictions or import or export regulations.
- Costs for treatment that are not incurred during the **Period of** Insurance.

#### Special conditions that apply to this section

- You must not admit responsibility, agree to pay any claim or negotiate with any person following an incident.
- You agree to provide Us with any information connected with the claim We reasonably ask for including details of Your Pet's history.
- 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.
- 4. **You** must allow **Us** to take charge of **Your** claim and allow **Us** to prosecute in **Your** name for **Our** benefit.
- You must immediately send Us any writ, summons or legal documents You receive and You must never send any replies to these documents.

## **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- Throughout the Period of Insurance You must take all reasonable steps to maintain Your Pet's health and to prevent Accidents, Injury. Illness and loss.
- 2. **You** must keep **Your Pet's** vaccinations and boosters up to date and in line with the vets recommendations:
  - Dogs Distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis and parvovirus
    Cats Feline infectious enteritis, feline leukaemia and cat flu
    If **You** do not vaccinate **Your Pet** for these conditions, **We** will not
    pay any claims that result from any of these illnesses.
- 3. Your Pet must have annual check ups.
- If, when You claim, there is another insurance under which You are entitled to an indemnity; We will only pay Our share of the

- claim. You must tell Us the name and address of the other insurance company and Your Policy number.
- 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.
- If You have provided false information, or make a false or exaggerated claim, or any claim involves Your dishonesty, this Policy will end and Our Claims Handler will not make any further claim payments.
- 7. Your Pet is only covered under this Policy if You pay the Premium. If You pay the yearly Premium in instalments and You miss an instalment You must pay the outstanding amount within 10 days of the date the instalment is due to be paid. If We do not receive Your payment within 10 days of the date the Premium is due, Your insurance will automatically stop and We will make no further claim payments.
- You agree that any Vet has Your permission to release information We ask for about Your Pet. If the Vet makes a charge for this, You must pay the charge.
- 9. You will be required to pay the Excess to the Vet. If the Vet, who has treated Your Pet or is about to treat Your Pet, asks for information about Your insurance that relates to a claim, the Claims Handler will tell the Vet what the insurance covers, what they will not pay for, how the amount they pay is calculated and if the Premiums are paid to date.
- When We offer further periods of insurance We may change the Premium and the Policy terms and conditions.
- 11. The **Claims Handler** will not provide pre-authorisations or guarantee on the phone to pay a claim. **You** must send them a claim form that has been fully completed and they will then write to **You** with their decision.
- 12. When **You** claim **You** agree to give the **Claims Handler** any information they may reasonably ask for.
- 13. You and We are free to choose the laws applicable to the Policy. We propose to apply the British Law with exclusive jurisdiction to the Courts of England and Wales and by purchasing this Policy, You have agreed to this.
- Unless We agree otherwise the language of the Policy and all communications relating to it will be in English.
- 15. You must arrange for a Vet to examine and treat Your Pet as soon as possible after it shows Clinical Signs of an Injury or an Illness.
- 16. **You** agree to pay translation costs for any claim documentation not written in English.
- 17. If You pay Your Premium by direct debit instalments, monthly instalments or annually by debit card when Your Policy is due for renewal We will renew it for You automatically to save You the worry of remembering to contact Us before the renewal date. We will write to you before the Policy expires with full details of Your next year's Premium and Policy conditions. If You do not want to renew this Policy, all You need to do is contact the Administrator on 01285 626032.
- 18. As per pet Section 27 of the Road Traffic Act 1988: "A person who causes or permits a dog to be on a designated road without the dog being held on a lead is guilty of an offence. It also states, in this section, "designated road" means a length of road specified by an order in that behalf of the local authority in whose area the length of road is situated For further details see The Road Traffic Act 1988. With this in mind, a dog on a designated road must be on a collar and lead under control.
- 19. When walking Your Pet in an area other than a designated road, You must ensure that Your Pet remains under Your control and reasonable steps must be taken to prevent Your Pet escaping onto a designated road. When nearing a road You must ensure Your Pet is on a lead.
- You must ensure that any dog lead, collar and/ or harness is in good condition and fits Your Pet to prevent escape. You must also



- ensure that any lead is used in such a way as to prevent the same slipping out of your grasp should **Your Pet** suddenly pull away from **You**
- 21. You must ensure Your Pet cannot escape or stray from your property and any area in which a dog is kept must be secure and appropriately fenced or otherwise secured and all reasonable steps must be taken to prevent escape. When loading Your Pet into or out of Your vehicle, You must ensure that the area is either secure or Your Pet is on a lead.
- We may at Our option decide to supply pharmaceuticals, drugs, prescriptions or medications directly from the supplier of Our choice.
- 23. We reserve the right to obtain a second opinion from Our veterinary advisor if the total Veterinary Fees in Our opinion are unreasonable.
- 24. We may at our discretion deduct the costs of any medication from a claim that are deemed excessive or exceed the usual market value
- 25. Where a condition is affecting one body part of which Your Pet has two, one each side of the body (e.g. ears, eyes, knees, cruciate ligaments) this will be considered a Bilateral Condition and when applying the Maximum Benefit limit or an exclusion Bilateral Conditions are considered as one condition.
- If You obtain regular medication for Your Pet via an online Pet medication prescription service this may result in lower costs for You and Us.
- 27. We will not accept responsibility for any claim until a detailed veterinary account, a complete medical history and other information reasonably requested by the Claims Handler is received on our behalf.
- 28. When **We** resolve your claim, **We** will deduct from the claim any amount due to us.
- You must observe and comply with all the terms, conditions and support of the policy wording; otherwise We will not be responsible.
- 30. If any dispute arises between **You** and **Us** about the amount to be paid under **Your** plan, it may be remitted to an arbitrator who will be appointed by the parties in accordance with the legal provisions in force at that time.
- The Claims Handler will only make claim payments to the Vet or You. The Claims Handler will not make any payments to any other person(s).

## **GENERAL EXCLUSIONS**

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

- Any animal less than 8 weeks old or over 8 years old at the date cover started as shown on Your Certificate of Insurance.
- Any claim for treatment not carried out within the Territorial Limits.
- Any claim for dogs which are used for breeding, working, guarding, track racing, coursing or used in connection with shooting i.e. gundogs.
- 4. Any dog that must be registered under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, Dangerous Dogs (amendment) Act 1997, Dangerous Dogs Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 or any further amendments to this Act or any dog that is, or is crossed with, a Pit Bull Terrier, Dogo Argentino, Perro De Presa Canario (Dogo Canario), Japanese Tosa or a Fila Brasileiro. In addition, the following types/breeds (including any breed crossed with these dogs) are excluded from cover under any section of this policy: Akita, Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog, American Bandogge/Bandogge Mastiff, American/Irish Staffordshire Bull Terriers, American Bully XL/XL Bully, Anatolian Shepherd Dog (Karabash), Bully Kutta, Cane Corsos, Czechoslovakian Wolfdogs/Sarlooswolfhounds/Wolf Hybrids, Korean Jindo.

- Northern Inuit Dogs, Racing Greyhounds, Shar Pei, Utonagan, Fox hound/Fox hound cross.
- Any amount if You break the United Kingdom laws or regulations, including those relating to animal health or importation.
- Any amount if Your Pet is confiscated or destroyed by government or public authorities or under the Animals Act 1971 United Kingdom because it was worrying livestock. This includes any further amendments to this Act.
- Any costs caused because the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) have put restrictions on Your Pet.
- Any loss that arises as a result of an epidemic or pandemic outbreak or any reportable disease (actual or perceived).
- Any loss as a result of an act of force or violence for political, religious or ideological reasons, war, riot, revolution or any similar event, including any chemical or biological terrorism.
- Any amount caused by radiation, nuclear explosion and / or precipitation or contamination by radioactivity.
- 11. Any legal expenses, fines and penalties connected with or resulting from a Criminal Court Case or an Act of Parliament.
- 12. Any amount resulting from a disease transmitted from animals to humans.
- 13. Any amount if **You** or **Your Pet** live outside the **United Kingdom**.
- Any costs caused by You taking Your Pet on a journey against a Vet's advice.
- 15. Any claim for a dog that is not microchipped in accordance with the 2016 Dog microchipping Legislation.
- 16. Any claims of any kind which are caused by Your Pet straying, escaping, damaging property, or attacking persons or pets if Your Pet has done this before.
- 17. Any loss, damage or liability which is covered under another policy of insurance.
- The Claims Handler will only make claim payments to the Vet or You. The Claims Handler will not make any payments to any other person(s).
- Any loss, injury, damage, illness, death or legal liability directly or indirectly caused by, happening through, in consequence of or contributed to by:
  - An epidemic, pandemic or other such health warning, and declared as such by the Ministry of Health, The Department for Health and Social Care, a chief veterinary officer, Defra and/or the World Health Organisation;
  - Arising from any fear or threat (whether actual or perceived) of such epidemic or pandemic being declared or occurring;
  - Any action taking in controlling, preventing, suppressing or in any way relating to any outbreak of such epidemic or pandemic.

#### **FRAUD**

Fraud increases **Your Premium** and the **Premiums** of all policyholders. If **You**:

- i. Provide **Us** or **Our Claims Handler** with false information
- ii. Make a false or exaggerated claim with **Us** or
- Make any claim with Our Claims Handler which involves Your dishonesty.

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

## LAW APPLICABLE UNDER THIS CONTRACT

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



#### HOW WE USE YOUR DATA

Please be aware that telephone calls may be monitored and recorded

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

Information may be used by **Us.**, the **Administrator**, Corinium Insurance Services, agents and service providers for the purposes of insurance administration, underwriting, claims handling or for statistical purposes. The lawful basis for the processing is that it is necessary for **Us** to process Your personal information to enable the performance of the insurance contract, to administer **Your Policy** of insurance and/or handle any insurance claim You may submit to **Us** under this policy. The processing of **Your** personal data may also be necessary to comply with any legal obligation We may have and to protect Your interest during the course of any claim.

## What **We** process and share:

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

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

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

- Your insurance broker.
- From third parties such as credit reference agencies and fraud prevention agencies.
- From insurers, witnesses, the Police (in regards to incidents) and solicitors, Appointed Representatives.
- Your Veterinary Practice
- Directly from You.

We will not pass **You**r information to any third parties except to enable **Us** to process your claim, prevent fraud and comply with legal and regulatory requirements. In which case **We** may need to share Your information with the following third parties within the EU:

- Solicitors or other Appointed Representatives.
- Underwriters, Reinsurers, Regulators and Authorised/Statutory Bodies.
- Fraud and crime prevention agencies, including the Police.
- Other suppliers carrying out a service on Our, or Your behalf.

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

#### Data Retention

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

#### Your rights

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

- Object to **Our** processing of Your personal data.
- Request that **Your** personal data is erased or corrected.
- Request access to **Your** personal data and data portability.
- Complain to the Information Commissioner's Office, which regulates the processing of personal data.

You can request to see what data **We** hold on **You**. If **You** have any

questions about **Our** privacy policy or the information We hold about You please contact Us.

#### **HOW TO CLAIM**

- You must contact the Claims Handler to obtain a claims form. Please telephone Corinium Insurance Services: on 01285 626032 or E-mail: admin@coriniuminsuranceservices.co.uk.
- 2. Please complete the claim form and ask:
- a. Your Vet to fill out their section. (Unfortunately **We** do not pay Your Vet to do this) or
- Your Vet and Complementary Therapist to fill out their section(s).
   (Unfortunately We do not pay Your Vet or Complementary Therapist to do this).
- Please return the claim form to Our Claims Handler with the invoices setting out the costs involved. This should be sent to Corinium Insurance Services, Trent House, Love Lane, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1XD or by email to petclaims@trent-services.co.uk

**We** will not accept responsibility for any claim until a detailed veterinary account, a complete medical history and other information reasonably requested by the **Claims Handler** is received on **Our** behalf.

#### WHEN TO CLAIM

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

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

#### **COMPLAINTS**

We care about the service We provide to You and We make every effort to maintain the highest possible standards. If You have any questions about the policy please ask Us. Please have this document available so that We can deal with Your enquiry speedily. Although We set ourselves high standards, if We do not meet Your expectations and You are dissatisfied in some way We would like to know. If You follow the guidelines below, Your complaint will be dealt with in the most efficient way possible.

Any complaints about this policy or related services should, in the first instance, be made to the Complaints Manager, Corinium Insurance Services, Trent House, Love Lane, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1XD, Tel: +44(0)1285 626032.

If you remain dissatisfied with **Our** handling of and response to the complaint **You** may be referred to the UK Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS), depending on the nature of the complaint and whether it should properly be directed against **Us** or another party.

Contact details for the FOS are as follows:

Financial Ombudsman Service

Exchange Tower

London

E14 9SR.

Tel: 0800 023 4567

 $\label{lem:complaint:mfo@financial-ombudsman.org.uk} Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk \\Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk$ 

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

If **You** do not refer **Your** complaint in time, the Ombudsman will



not have **Our** permission to consider **Your** complaint and so will only be able to do so in very limited circumstances. For example, if the Ombudsman believes that the delay was as a result of exceptional circumstances. Referring a complaint to the FOS is an alternative form of dispute resolution. It does not affect **Your** right to take legal action.

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## **COMPENSATION SCHEME**

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



