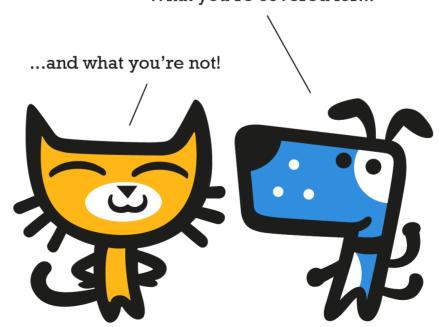
Scratch & Patch

Scratch & Patch Pet Insurance

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Here's the small print. What you're covered for...



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Welcome to Scratch & Patch pet insurance. Thank you for choosing to insure your pet(s) with us. We are delighted to bring you and your pet(s) into our community of customers.

The long-term health and happiness of your pet is important. This can be achieved through exercise, feeding them well, providing a loving home and taking care of their routine health needs such as vaccinations and regular check-ups by your vet. Sometimes, pets become ill or have an accident which needs veterinary attention, and this is where pet insurance can be of help from a financial point of view. We provide cover for this in the UK and within the EU (while you are travelling with your pet) as standard.

Our policy also includes other useful sections of cover and a telephone careline for you to use if you want to check something out about your pet's health without needing to go to a vet or if something troubles you outside of normal practice hours.

This policy booklet along with your schedule will provide you with all the information you need to understand exactly what cover is provided, the terms and conditions of your cover as well as how to make a claim, amend your cover or tell us about changes.

At Scratch & Patch our aim is to provide a first-class level of service at all times and we want you to be delighted with this. We will ask for your feedback but if at any time you are not entirely happy please let us know, our contact numbers are included throughout the booklet and our complaints procedure is included on page 25.

We value your opinion and custom and are always looking for ways to improve. We hope that your pet lives a long, happy, and healthy life but if things go wrong, we will be there to help.

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Your policy

This is your policy wording.

Please read the **policy** together with **your schedule** and the **statement of fact** as these **documents** together form the legal contract between **you** and the **insurer**. In deciding to accept this insurance and in setting the terms and premium, **we** have relied on the information **you** provided when **you** applied for this insurance. This is shown in the **statement of fact**.

Please read the **schedule** to see which cover **you** have purchased, the limits and **excess(s)** that apply and whether it is in force.

We recommend that you take time to check the documents we have sent you as soon as possible, they contain your information, your pet's cover details, the period of insurance and the premium. All the sections of cover apply to dogs. Cats are covered for all sections except section C – third party liability. The level of cover provided under each section is detailed in your schedule.

If any of the information is incorrect or the **policy** does not meet **your** needs, please call **our** Customer Service team on **0330 1026839** and they will be able to help **you**. **You** can also call this number if **you** have any questions about **your policy**.

Please ensure that **you** fulfil the obligations set out below in What to do if **you** have a claim, Cancelling **your policy**, Important customer information, Keeping **your policy** up to date, and Conditions applicable to all sections of cover. Not doing so may affect a claim or could result in **your** insurance being invalid.

We agree to provide the cover set out in this policy and your schedule subject to you paying the correct premium and taxes due and complying with the terms and conditions of this policy. We can choose not to offer renewal of your policy. If we do, we will let you know before the renewal date so that you have time to make any alternative arrangements.

Defined terms

The following words or phrases have the same meaning wherever they appear in this **policy**. Please note, unless specified otherwise, words denoting singular may also include plural and vice versa. These words will appear in **bold** throughout the **policy** from the point they are first defined onwards.

Accident: a sudden, unforeseen, external, and unintended event causing injury to your pet.

Accepted associations: any of the following, Association of British Veterinary Acupuncturists, Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Animal Therapy, British Veterinary Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine Association, Canine Hydrotherapy Association, Institute of Registered Veterinary and Animal Physiotherapists, International Association of Animal Therapists, International Veterinary Acupuncture Society, International Veterinary Chiropractic Association, McTimonev Chiropractic Association, National Association of Registered Canine Hydrotherapists, National Association of Veterinary Physiotherapists, The Society of Osteopaths in Animal Practice.

Alternative treatment: homeopathic or herbal medicine, physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, acupuncture, osteopathy, laser treatment or chiropractic manipulation to treat injury or illness which is prescribed by and carried out by a vet, or the treatment is provided by a veterinary practice employee or a suitably qualified member of an accepted association.

Behavioural treatment: treating a change to your pet's normal behaviour that is caused by a mental or emotional disorder which could not have been prevented by training and/or spaying/castration and which is carried out by a veterinary practice employee, a Certified Clinical Animal Behaviourist (CCAB) or a member of the Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors (APBC) or Canine and Feline Behaviour Association (CFBA) and is considered necessary by a qualified vet.

Bilateral conditions: Specific conditions that are likely to effect both sides of your pets body, for example their eyes, ears, knees or cruciate ligaments, whether they occur at the same time or separately. When applying the benefit limit or an exclusion, bilateral conditions are considered as one condition.

For a list of most common **bilateral conditions we** see, please go to: https://scratchandpatch.co.uk/exclusions/
This is not a full or exhaustive list.

Clinical sign(s): Any change(s) in your pet's normal healthy state, appearance, bodily functions, or demeanour, whether observed visually, through diagnostic testing, or otherwise.

Condition: Any manifestation of an illness having the same diagnostic classification or resulting from the same disease process regardless of the number of incidents or areas of your pet's body having been affected. Also relates to any injury sustained during or resulting from any one single accident.

Dental treatment: treatment to the teeth, mouth and gums of **your pet** needed as a direct result of an **injury** to **your pet**.

Dog: the **dog**(s) named on **your** schedule.

Elective treatment, diagnostic or procedure: Any treatment, diagnostic or procedure you request, which the vet confirms is not necessary.

Excess (Compulsory): The amount you have to pay towards the cost of your pet's treatment you are claiming for. This applies to each injury or illness claim that is not related to any other condition treated during the same period of insurance. If you submit further claims for the treatment your pet receives resulting from the same condition, but in a separate period of insurance, a new fixed excess will be applicable from the first claim for each injury or illness in all subsequent periods of insurance.

Excess (Voluntary): The percentage amount you are required to pay towards the costs of veterinary fees in addition to the compulsory excess. The voluntary excess is calculated from the balance left after the compulsory excess has been deducted. EU: – European Union

EU countries: the member states of the European Union

Family: Your husband, wife, civil partner, partner, parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, grandsons, and granddaughters.

Financial Conduct Authority: The Financial Conduct Authority is the independent watchdog that regulates financial services.

Holiday: a vacation or pleasure trip including at least one overnight stay outside the **UK** which commences and ends in the **UK**.

Home: The place in the **UK** where **you** usually live, and which is shown in **your schedule.**

Illness: any change(s) 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 which is not caused by an accident.

Injury: physical or trauma caused immediately by an **accident**.

Insurer: This pet insurance is arranged by Scratch & Patch and underwritten by ETU Forsikring A/S. Scratch & Patch is a trading name of Only Pets Cover Limited who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority: FRN 840293 ETU Forsikring A/S Registered Office: Hærvejen 8, DK-6230 Rødekro, Denmark are authorised and regulated by the Finanstilsynet (the Danish Financial Regulator). Their Finanstilsynet authorisation reference is 108873. As an Insurance Company authorised within the European Union, ETU Forsikring A/S is permitted to conduct business within the United Kingdom and is authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority. Their **UK Financial Conduct Authority** authorisation number is 807534

Period of insurance: the period of time during which cover will be provided by **us** as stated in **your schedule**.

Pre-existing condition: Any **injury** or **illness** that:

- a. Happened or first showed clinical signs.
- b. Has been identified or investigated by a **vet**,
- c. Has the same diagnosis or clinical signs as an injury, illness, or clinical sign your pet had,
- d. Is caused by, relates to, or results from, an injury, illness, or clinical sign your pet had,

or is otherwise known to **you** before the start date of **your pet's** first **period of insurance** (inception) or before the date the cover level on **your policy** was increased.

No matter where the **injury**, **illness** or **clinical signs** are noticed or happen in, or on, **your pet's** body.

Pet: the **dog**(s) and / or cat(s) named on **your schedule.**

Policy: this insurance wording.

Policy documents: the policy, schedule, and statement of fact. All to be read as one.

Scratch & Patch: a trading name of Only Pets Cover Limited.

Schedule: the document which contains important information about you, your pet, and your policy cover. It forms part of your policy documents which make up your legal contract with us.

Statement of fact: the information provided when applying for this insurance and which you have confirmed to be correct.

Treatment: any examination, consultation, advice, test, x-ray, slides, ultrasound, MRI, CT scan, specialist diagnostic testing or other diagnostic procedure, surgery, after care or nursing carried out by a vet, a veterinary nurse or veterinary practice employee under the supervision of a vet, and any medication legally prescribed by a vet.

UK: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Vet: A qualified veterinary surgeon currently registered with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Veterinary fees: the reasonable, necessary, and essential amount vets normally charge to provide treatment. Every claim will be reviewed by our pet claims handler and compared to charges for the same or similar treatment locally to ensure that the fees meet this requirement. A maximum 100% mark up on the manufacturer's or wholesaler's price will be allowed on veterinary medicines including any dispensing fees.

We/Us/Our: Scratch & Patch on behalf of the insurer.

You, your: the person named on your schedule as the policyholder

What to do if you have a claim

The easiest and quickest way to submit your claim is via our online claims journey. All you will need to do is complete the required claim information through our online claim portal at: https://scratchandpatchclaims.davies-group.com/

We also accept claims submitted directly by your vet online. If you will be asking your vet to complete the claim process on your behalf then please provide them with the form at:

https://scratchandpatchvetclaims.davies -group.com/

All required supporting documentation can also be submitted via the online claims solution.

You can also notify **us** of a claim and obtain a claim form in the following ways:

Telephone: 0330 1026839 – Select Option 3

Email: claims@scratchandpatch.co.uk

Our website:

www.scratchandpatch.co.uk.

Completed claims forms along with supporting documents should be sent by:

 $\underline{Email:} claims@scratchandpatch.co.uk$

Post:

Scratch & Patch Claims PO Box 8000 Elland HX1 9ET

Please note that **we** do not currently offer pre-authorisation of any claim. All claims will be assessed on their own merits once the full claim information has been received.

Your claim should be notified to us within 60 days of any incident. We will not pay any claims for vet bills that are 12 months old or older when they are sent to us, Or;

any unclaimed items displayed on an invoice which are 12months or older than the date the claim is received.

If we request it, the attending vet, or your usual or previous vet must at your expense, provide us with all information about your pet, including its full clinical and medical history and / or the treatment provided.

You and your vet or other institution or person requested should complete the claim form without charge before it is sent to us. We cannot process any incomplete claims and will request any outstanding information before proceeding with any claim.

Where requested by **us**, **you** will need to provide an original receipt, certificate or other form of proof issued to **you**, at **your home** address, showing **your pet's** details, if relevant and providing itemised breakdown of the cost incurred and dates as appropriate. These are to be provided at **your** own cost.

Should you submit a claim without the required supporting documentation and fail to respond to any correspondence requesting this, your claim may be closed after 28days. You must provide all necessary documentation in order for your claim to be assessed.

If your pet dies or is euthanised and you are making a claim under your policy, you must arrange at your expense for your vet to provide written confirmation, stating the cause and date. If euthanised, we will require your vets written confirmation, stating that this was necessary for humane reasons and to stop incurable suffering.

Cancelling your policy

You can cancel your policy at any time by calling us on 0330 102 6839.

If you cancel within 14 days of the start date of the first period of insurance or the date you receive your policy documents, if later, then the insurer will refund any premium paid providing no claims have been made on the policy.

We will charge you an administration fee as outlined in our Terms of Business.

If you cancel at any other time and no claims have been made against you or your pet the insurer will refund your premium less a pro-rata premium charge for your time on cover. We will also charge an administration fee.

If you cancel at any time and you have made a claim on the policy or if a claim has been made against you or your pet any remaining annual premium not yet paid, and our administration fee will become due. Where available, the remaining premium will be deducted from any claim payment due.

The **insurer** may cancel this **policy** by sending **you** 30 days' notice by recorded post to **your** correspondence address shown in the **schedule**. The **insurer** will only do this for a valid reason. The **insurer** will return any premium **you** have paid for any **period of insurance** remaining.

If you pay the premium in instalments and an instalment remains unpaid 15 days after the due date, we may cancel this policy. In this event, the period of insurance will equate to the period for which premium instalments have been paid by you. Before we cancel your policy, we will write to you in order to give you the opportunity to pay any premium due to us.

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

Important Customer Information

Renewal

Your policy runs for a year at a time.

Each year, we reserve the right to amend the premium, excess(s) and/or policy benefits, terms and conditions or not offer renewal. In doing this we will take into account the information we have about your policy, your pet's medical history, claims made and expected future treatment and claims costs. In general, premiums increase with the age of your pet and if claims have been made.

Should we decide to offer you a renewal of your policy, we will issue your renewal invitation and documents at least 21 days prior to your renewal date, so that you can make an informed decision about your policy and let us know if you do not want to renew. These will be sent to the email address you have provided to us (unless another method of communication has been requested).

Your insurance contract may automatically renew at the end of your period of insurance, where we will use the information and payment details you originally supplied. If you pay by Direct Debit, we will renew the policy automatically and continue collecting premiums unless you notify us that you wish to cancel. For payments by credit or debit card, you must submit a further payment if you wish to renew the policy. You will have 14 days to cancel the policy after the renewal date and receive a refund of any premiums paid for the new period of insurance.

You should take reasonable care to inform **us** of any changes since the **policy** started or was last renewed.

If you pay premium by instalments and have received a default notice in your policy term, we may not offer the monthly payment option when you are due to renew. If we cannot collect your first Direct Debit when your policy has renewed, we will assume you prefer to not continue your insurance and we will cancel your policy from your renewal date.

Electronic documents

Your policy documents, schedule and statement of fact are available online and will be emailed to you to the email address you have provided to us.

Therefore, you must give us a valid email address and keep us informed if this changes. However, communication will continue to be maintained via your chosen method.

Giving us all the facts

When asked by **us**, if **you** do not reveal all relevant facts to **us**, **your** insurance may not be valid and may not protect **you** if **you** need to make a claim. This duty applies at application stage, at renewal and during the **period of insurance** of **your policy**.

Occasionally, **we** are deliberately or recklessly given false information. If this happens, **we** will treat this insurance as if it never existed and decline all claims.

If **you** acted carelessly when giving **us your** information several things could happen:

- If we provided insurance cover that we would not otherwise have offered, we will treat this insurance as if it had never existed. If this happens, we will give you back your premium.
- If we would have insured you on different terms, we will amend this insurance retrospectively and apply these amended terms to the claim.
- If we would have charged you more premium, we will proportionately reduce the amount of any claim payment.

If we do any of the above, we will write to you explaining why this is happening. If you disagree with what we are doing, please tell us. If you are still not satisfied, you may ask the Financial Ombudsman Service to review your case without affecting your legal rights

Non-payment of premium

You must pay the premium on the dates agreed for this policy to remain in force. If you do not pay the premium on the due date, you have 15 (fifteen) days from the date of the default to contact us to organise payment. If we do not receive payment your policy will be cancelled from the default date and all cover and benefits will stop on this date. If you have made a claim the full annual premium will become due.

Changing cover level

If you change your cover to one that gives a higher level of cover the higher level will apply to any injury and illness which first showed clinical signs after the transfer date. The higher limit will not apply to any pre-existing condition.

If you change your cover to one that gives a lower benefit the lower amounts will apply to all claims from the date you change onwards including those you are already making.

Fraud

You must be honest and truthful in your dealings with us and the insurer at all times. If you or anyone acting on your behalf attempts to deceive us or knowingly makes a false claim, the insurer has the right to cancel your policy, refuse claims and keep any premium paid.

We may recover from you any costs we have incurred, including the costs of investigating the claim.

We will not pay a claim which is in any way fraudulent, false, or exaggerated.
We will also not deal with any claims following discovery of this behaviour regardless of when the claims occurred. In addition, we have the right to share details of this behaviour with other organisations to prevent further fraud.
We may also involve the relevant authorities who are empowered to bring criminal proceedings.

Language

All communication between **you**, the **insurer** and **us** in relation to this **policy** will be in English.

Governing Law and Courts

This contract will be governed by English law, and **you** and the **insurer** agree to submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

Assignment

You cannot transfer your interest in this policy to anyone else without the insurer's written permission.

Sanctions

The **insurer** will not provide any cover or be liable to provide any indemnity, payment or other benefit under this **policy** where doing so would breach any prohibition or restriction imposed by law or regulation.

Rights of Third Parties

It is not intended by **you** or the **insurer** that any term in this agreement is enforceable pursuant to the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 or any amendments to the Act or replacement legislation. Keeping **your policy** up to date

Changes which may affect your cover

As some changes will affect **your** cover, **you** should tell **us** as soon as possible about any change to the details **you** have previously declared on **your statement of fact**, for example but not limited to:

- you no longer own the pet.
- you change address or move outside the UK.
- you intend to use your pet for guarding, breeding, or financial gain.
- your pet is neutered or spayed.
- your pets' health changes.
- your pets' behaviour changes or there are complaints about its behaviour.
- your pet no longer lives with you.

If **you** do not tell **us** about these changes it may affect any claim **you** make or could result in **you**r **policy** being invalid.

As a result of a change we may either decline to continue with the insurance or accept the change to your policy. If we accept the change this may be on the same terms as before or lead to a change of terms and conditions, an extra premium being charged or a refund of your premium.

We will also charge **you** an administration fee.

Further information is provided in **our** Terms of Business.

Section A – Veterinary fees and alternative treatment

All amounts are for each **pet** insured. Cover is provided in the **UK** and in the **EU** when **you** are travelling with **your pet**.

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"Each injury" means that any injury(ies) suffered or resulting from the same accident, irrespective of the number of areas of your pet's body affected, will be considered by us to be one injury.

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"Each injury or illness" means that any injury(ies) suffered or resulting from the same accident, or any symptom(s) of an illness which has the same clinical signs, the same diagnostic classification or that results from the same disease process, irrespective of the number of phases, episodes or areas of your pet's body affected will be considered by us to be one injury or illness.

What is covered

Veterinary Fees

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The insurer will pay the cost of veterinary fees for the treatment your pet has received in the UK or in EU countries to treat injury only, up to the maximum limits as set out within your schedule.

Inner Limits:

Any claim under the below stated inner limits is included within the **veterinary** fees allowance **you** have selected and is not separate or additional to the **veterinary** fees benefit limit. The **insurer** will pay up to the inner limit amounts stated in **your schedule** for:

 Cruciate ligament damage treatment including all associated costs;

- Alternative treatment;
- Dental treatment as a result of an accident/injury;

in each period of insurance.

Silver & Gold

The insurer will pay the cost of veterinary fees for the treatment your pet has received in the UK or PETS countries to treat injury and illness, up to the maximum limits as set out within your schedule.

Inner Limits: Any claim under the below stated inner limits is included within the veterinary fees allowance you have selected and is not separate or additional to the veterinary fees benefit limit. The insurer will pay up to the inner limit amounts stated in your schedule for:

- Cruciate ligament damage treatment including all associated costs;
- Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (BOAS) treatment including all associated costs;
- MRI / CT Scan or any other specialist diagnostic testing and the cost of general anaesthesia, sedation, medications, hospital charges, or interpretation fees;
- Alternative treatment;
- Dental treatment as a result of an accident/injury;
- Diet food prescribed by a vet to dissolve bladder stones or crystals in urine;

in each period of insurance.

Please note for all claims involving cruciate(s) **treatment**, should a CT or MRI scan, or any other specialist diagnostic testing be included, those costs will contribute towards the cruciate ligament inner benefit limit only. This is a total limit and not separate for each scan or diagnostic procedure.

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The most the insurer will pay for each injury is up to the amount shown on your schedule for veterinary fees or for 12 months from the date of the first treatment, whichever happens first.

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The most the insurer will pay for each injury or illness is up to the amount shown on your schedule for veterinary fees or for 12 months from the date of the first treatment, whichever happens first.

Gold

The most the insurer will pay for each injury or illness is up to the amount shown on your schedule for veterinary fees.

The **insurer** will not make any more payments under this section until **your policy** is renewed.

If your policy is not renewed all cover stops at the end of the most recent period of insurance.

What is not covered

Veterinary Fees

The insurer will not cover the following:

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- The cost of any treatment or claims for illness.
- MRI / CT Scan or any other specialist diagnostic testing and the cost of general anaesthesia, sedation, medications, hospital charges, or interpretation fees;
- 3. The cost of any diet food.

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- The compulsory excess and any voluntary excess that may apply as shown in your schedule for each new injury or illness in the period of insurance.
- 2. The cost of any **treatment** or claim for a **pre-existing condition**.
- Any claim arising from a malicious or intentional act, any injury purposely caused, or as a result of negligence by you, any member of your family or anyone else residing at the address where the animal is kept.
- 4. The cost of routine examinations, nail clipping, bathing, de-matting, grooming, spaying, castration, or retained/undescended testicles (cryptorchidism).

- Any treatment or surgery relating to pyometra.
 - Pyometra is an infection inside the womb with unneutered females being most at risk.

 Pyometra can lead to blood poisoning, kidney failure, peritonitis and even death.
- 6. Any illness, injury or condition that could have been prevented by any **Treatment** normally recommended by a **Vet**. For example, pyometra which could have been prevented had **your pet** been spayed.
- 7. The cost of **treatment** to prevent **injury** or **illness**.
- The cost of elective treatment, diagnostic 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 result from this.
- The cost of any treatment in connection with breeding and any complications of breeding, pregnancy, giving birth or rearing puppies or kittens.
- 10. The cost of treatment in connection with false pregnancy if your pet has received treatment for two or more episodes of false pregnancy.
- The cost of any vaccinations, flea tick or worming prevention or treatment and the cost of general health improvers.
- 12. The cost of a house call unless a 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 or illness.
- The extra costs for treating your pet outside usual surgery hours, unless a vet confirms that an emergency consultation is necessary.

- 14. If your pet needs to be treated by any referral, second opinion or specialist vet, your usual vet will let you know which referral vet you should go to. However, the maximum amount we will pay towards reasonable and necessary referral/specialist vet consultation fee is as stated within your policy schedule. This does not include any treatment that may be required.
- 15. The cost of hospitalisation and any associated treatment, unless a vet confirms your pet must be hospitalised for essential treatment.
- The cost of buying or hiring equipment or machinery or any form of housing, including cages.
- The cost of transplant surgery including pre- and post-operative care.
- 18. The cost of prosthesis, including any veterinary treatment needed to fit the prosthesis, other than the cost of hip, knee and / or elbow replacement(s).
- 19. The cost of stem-cell or gene therapy.
- 20. The costs charged by your vet relating to administration duties including but not limited to: completing the claim form, dispensing fees, providing a prescription, fees for referring to a specialist vet, referral fees, x-ray referral fees, late payment fees.
- 21. The cost of surgical items which can be used more than once.
- 22. The cost of euthanasia, cremation, and disposal, including post-mortem examination costs, coffins, and caskets.
- 23. The cost of pheromone products, including DAP diffusers and Feliway and / or similar feline facial pheromone products used in either a spray or an electrical diffuser format and any general health enhancers.
- 24. The cost of dental or gum treatment which is not directly resulting from an accident or injury; OR for routine, preventative or cosmetic purposes including but not limited to scaling and polishing.

- 25. The cost of any diet food not specifically covered any obesity food, supplements, or pro-biotics.
- The cost of diet foods allowed once bladder stones or crystals are dissolved.
- 27. For any behavioural treatment
- 28. Any treatment costs incurred after the period of insurance has ended unless you and the insurer have agreed to a further period of insurance.
- 29. Anything detailed in the general exclusions

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Any **treatment** costs for each **injury** incurred after the limit shown on **your schedule** is reached or more than 12 months after the first date of **treatment** whichever happens first.

The cost of any medication prescribed to be used more than 12 months after the first date of **treatment** for each **injury**.

Silver

Any treatment costs for each injury or illness incurred after the limit shown on your schedule is reached or more than 12 months after the first date of treatment whichever happens first.

The cost of any medication prescribed to be used more than 12 months after the first date of **treatment** for each **injury** or **illness**.

Gold

Any **treatment** costs for each **injury** or **illness** incurred after the limit shown on **your schedule** is reached.

Section B – Death from accident and illness

What is covered

Bronze – the Bronze plan does not include death from illness.

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The **insurer** will pay a percentage of the purchase or donation price **you paid** for **your pet** if it dies as a result of an **accident** in the **period of insurance**.

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The insurer will pay a percentage of the purchase or donation price you paid for your pet if it dies as a result of an accident or illness in the period of insurance.

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If you are unable to provide proof of what you paid or donated, the insurer will pay the percentage based on an initial value of £75 for cats or £150 for dogs, or the amount you stated in your original application and included in the statement of fact, whichever is the lesser. Proof of purchase can be in the following forms:

- Purchase receipt/invoice from where your pet was bought. This needs to be dated, signed by both parties, and show the full purchase amount paid
- Rescue centre documents showing the amount paid/donated to obtain ownership
- Communication trails/screen shots confirming the price and purchasing of your pet
- Bank statement showing a transfer or cash withdrawal which match the purchase date, for the specified value of purchase/donation

The percentage payment in all cases will be based on the age of **your pet** at the date of death using the **pets** date of birth on **your schedule** and will be calculated follows:

Age at date your pet dies or is euthanised	Percentage payment
Up to one year	100%
One to two years	75%
Three to four years	50%
Five to six years	25%
Seven years and over	10%

The most the **insurer** will pay is the amount shown on **your schedule**.

What is not covered

The insurer will not cover the following:

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Death resulting from illness.

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- Dogs aged 8 years and over at the date of death.
- 2. Cats aged 10 years and over at the date of death
- 3. Death as a result of breeding, pregnancy or giving birth.
- The cost of euthanasia, cremation, and disposal, including post-mortem examination costs, coffins, and caskets.
- 5. Anything detailed in the general exclusions.

Section C – Third party liability

All amounts are for each dog insured.

This section does not apply to cats.

Cover is provided in the UK.

What is covered

The **insurer** will pay damages and legal costs to others which **you** become legally liable to pay if **your dog**, causes accidental death or injury to a person or accidental loss or damage to their property.

If someone who is not a member of your family is looking after your dog when the injury or damage happens, the insurer will still pay as long as you asked them to look after your dog, you did not agree to pay them to look after your dog and the death, injury, loss or damage was not to them or their property. The definition of you in this section is extended to cover this situation.

The most the **insurer** will pay for any claim or series of claims arising from any one event occurring during the **period** of **insurance** is shown on **your** schedule.

What is not covered

The insurer will not cover the following:

- Any claim where you are insured under any other insurance policy that covers the same loss unless that cover has been exhausted.
- 2. The excess shown in your schedule.
- The cost of defending you if the insurer has not agreed to the amount in writing beforehand.
- Your liability arising out of any contract that you have entered into unless liability would exist without the contract.
- 5. Any claim which involves your employment, profession, occupation, or business or happens at your workplace, including your home when being used as a workplace.

- Any claim which results from your dog being used for any trade, profession, or business.
- Your liability to any person claiming damages and compensation that lives with you at your home, is a member of your family, is employed by you, or was looking after your dog with your permission.
- Any liability for loss or damage to property which belongs to, or is in the care of you, a member of your family, any person who lives with you or is employed by you.
- Any liability where you have not followed advice given to you by previous owners of your dog or any re-homing organisation about your dog's behavioural traits.
- Claims as a result of your dog's interaction with or attacking other animals.
- Any fines, penalties, punitive, exemplary, aggravated, liquidated and multiple damages or breach of quarantine restrictions or import or export regulations.
- 12. Any claim or other proceedings lodged or prosecuted outside the **UK**.
- 13. Anything detailed in the general exclusions.

Special conditions relating to third party liability claims

You must notify us, as soon as possible, after you become aware that your pet is involved in an incident which may give rise to a third-party liability claim.

You must not admit responsibility, agree to pay any claim, or negotiate with any persons following an incident or incur any cost at all without **our** express written agreement.

If you receive any correspondence, writ, summons or any other legal document from or on behalf of a third party you must not answer any of these, but they should be forwarded to us as soon as possible.

calculated follows:

You agree to the insurer taking charge of your claim and allow the insurer to prosecute, defend, settle it on terms the insurer is advised are reasonable in your name for the insurer's benefit.

You must provide the insurer with all and any information we request in relation to the claim including details of your dog's medical and behavioural history, history of ownership and details of any other insurance policies that might contribute towards compensating the claimant.

You agree to help us find out about all the circumstances of any incident leading to a claim, provide written statements and go to court if the insurer needs you to.

Section D – Loss and recovery of your pet

All amounts are for each **pet** insured. Cover is provided in the **UK**.

What is covered

The **insurer** will pay a percentage of the purchase or donation price **you paid** for **your pet** if it goes missing from **your home** due to straying or theft in the **period of insurance** and is not found within 60 days from the date it goes missing.

If you are unable to provide proof of what you paid or donated, the insurer will pay the percentage based on an initial value of £75 for cats or £150 for dogs or the amount you stated in your original application and included in the statement of fact whichever is the lesser. Proof of purchase can be in the following forms:

- Purchase receipt/invoice from where your pet was bought. This needs to be dated, signed by both parties, and show the full purchase amount paid
- Rescue centre documents showing the amount paid/donated to obtain ownership
- Communication trails/ screen shots confirming the price and purchasing of your pet

Bank statement showing a transfer or cash withdrawal which match the purchase date, for the specified value of purchase/donation

The percentage payment in all cases will be based on the age of **your pet** at the date it goes missing using the **pets** date of birth on **your schedule** and will be

Age at date your pet strays or is stolen	Percentage payment	
Up to one year	100%	
One to two years	75%	
Three to four years	50%	
Five to six years	25%	
Seven years and over	10%	

The **insurer** will pay local advertising costs and any reward which **you** have to pay which helps to find and recover **your** lost **pet**, if it goes missing from **your home** due to straying or theft in the **period of insurance**, provided that **you** first obtain **our** written agreement to the costs and of the reward, up to the amount paid or donated for **your pet**, to be offered.

Included within the amount for loss and recovery the **insurer** will pay up to £75 towards sundries for **you** to make advertising material including leaflets, flyers, posters or similar.

If your pet is found or has returned after we have paid you, you must repay the insurer the full amount that you have received for its loss.

The most the **insurer** will pay is up to the amount shown on **your schedule**.

What is not covered

The **insurer** will not cover the following:

- 1. **Dogs** aged 8 years and over at the date they go missing.
- 2. Cats aged 10 years and over at the date they go missing.

- Theft which does not involve forcible or violent entry to a secure area, such as a pen or your home.
- Theft if you have not reported it to the police and have a crime reference number.
- Any loss if you have not reported a missing pet to at least one rescue centre for cats and a dog warden for dogs.
- Any loss if you or any person responsible for your pet has voluntarily parted with it for any reason or abandoned it deliberately.
- Any reward to a member of your family, anyone who lives with you at your home, is employed by you, was looking after your pet when it went missing or is otherwise known to you.
- Any reward that has not been paid by you first.
- Any reward for which you do not have a signed receipt showing the full name and address of the person who found your pet.
- 10. Anything detailed in the general exclusions.
- 11. The cost of pheromone products.

Section E – Emergency boarding and pet minding fees

All amounts are for each \mathbf{pet} insured. Cover is provided in the \mathbf{UK} .

What is covered

The **insurer** will pay for the cost of boarding **your pet** in a licenced kennels or a cattery, or, for the services of a professional **pet home** carer whilst **you** are an in-patient of a hospital on medical advice due to an **accidental injury** or illness for 5 or more consecutive days.

The most the **insurer** will pay is up to the amount shown on **your schedule**.

What is not covered

The **insurer** will not pay the cost of boarding **your pet** due to:

- 1. **your** stay in hospital that is not on medical advice.
- a stay in hospital that you knew you needed before the cover start date or any chronic recurring condition you already have when taking out your policy.
- 3. a stay in a convalescent or nursing home.
- hospital admission for alcoholism, drug abuse, attempted suicide, selfharm or self-inflicted injury or illness.

Section F – Holiday cancellation or curtailment

The amounts are for each **holiday**. Cover is provided in the **UK** and while **you** are on holiday.

Bronze – This section is not included in the Bronze plan

What is covered

Silver and Gold

The **insurer** will pay for unrecoverable travel and accommodation costs **you** have to pay as a result of cancelling or cutting short **your holiday** because **your pet** goes missing or needs immediate emergency life-saving surgery either whilst **you** are on **holiday** or within 7 days of the date **you** are due to leave.

The most the **insurer** will pay is up to the amount shown on **your schedule**.

What is not covered

Silver and Gold

The insurer will not pay:

 For any holiday where the holiday was booked less than 4 weeks before you are due to leave.

- Costs as a result of you delaying telling the company or companies providing your travel and accommodation that you are cancelling or cutting short your holiday.
- Any costs for anyone else that is on holiday or going on holiday with you.
- Any costs for cancellation or curtailment for any other reason or where surgery is not immediately needed to save the life of your pet.
- More than the insurer's share if you are insured under any other insurance policy that covers the same loss.
- Anything detailed in the general exclusions.

Conditions applying to all sections of cover

You must take care of your pet including arranging and paying for any treatment recommended by your vet to prevent the risk of injury or illness.

You must ensure that your pet is vaccinated against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parvovirus for dogs, kennel cough when entering a boarding kennel or show, and feline infections such as enteritis, feline leukaemia, and cat flu for cats. You must also agree to have your pet vaccinated against other diseases a vet says is necessary. You must keep your pet's vaccinations up to date, as recommended by your vet. If any of the above diseases are not vaccinated against, they will be excluded from your policy.

You must ensure that your pet is wormed, and flea treated regularly and if there is a risk of contagion you should keep your pet isolated to avoid infection. You must take steps to ensure your pet remains within the acceptable weight range of your pets breed as advised by your vet in order to prevent any increase in the health risk that being under or over weight can cause.

A dog on a public road must be on a collar and lead and under control at all times. You should take steps to ensure that your dog does not escape or stray. Areas in which a dog is kept must be secure and properly fenced or otherwise organised to prevent escape.

In the **UK**, **your dog** must always have a collar on that provides **your** contact details in case **your dog** goes missing or runs off.

If your pet dies or is euthanised and you are making a claim under your policy, you must arrange at your expense for your vet to certify your pet's death stating the cause and date. If euthanised, we will need a certificate stating that this was necessary for humane reasons and to stop incurable suffering.

Level of **vet** fees allowed: **We** reserve the right to obtain a second opinion from a **vet** advisor where **we** consider:

- **Vet** fees charged appear greater than conventional fees charged by an attending/referral practice; and/or
- Treatment received may not have been required or may have been excessive when compared with treatment conventionally undertaken by an attending/referral practice.

Where there is a dispute, we will pay only those vet fees deemed reasonable and essential. A maximum 100% mark up on the manufacturer's or wholesaler's price will be allowed on veterinary medicines including any dispensing fees.

If within a 24month period your pet receives treatment for a bilateral condition which has previously occurred in one area of the body, the condition will be linked as a continuation of that condition and all relevant policy terms, limits and excesses will apply.

There may be occasions whereby a claim may require authorisation from the insurer. This may, in some circumstances, cause a slight delay in reaching a decision regarding the claim as a result of the referral. If such instance does occur, we will contact you to let you know and keep you updated with the progression of your claim.

General exclusions applying to all sections of cover

The insurer will not pay:

- Any claim for or as a result of a preexisting condition.
- Any claim for or as a result of an illness which
 - a. first showed clinical signs,
 - b. has the same diagnosis or clinical signs as an illness that showed clinical signs, or;
 - c. is caused by, relates to, or results from a clinical sign of an illness that was noticed,

in the first 14 days of **your pets** cover.

This exclusion does not apply if your pet was insured for veterinary fees under another policy of insurance up to the start date (inception) of the first period of insurance with the insurer and you provide proof of this to us.

3. Any claim for or as a result of any previous or existing adverse behavioural or aggressive characteristics at inception which have been noted by you, the breeder, a veterinary practice, rehoming organisation or any previous owner(s) or for incidents before the start date of the first period of insurance.

- Any claim resulting from your pet being neutered or spayed. However, we will cover any cost arising from any complications of neutering or spaying.
- 5. Any claim as a result of any sexually transmitted disease, rabies, foot and mouth, epidemic or pandemic outbreaks or any 'notifiable' disease as listed by DEFRA UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs or any claim as a result of restrictions put on your pet by DEFRA.
- Any claims as a result of an Act of Parliament, by law or central or local government regulation.
- Any costs as a direct result of the event which led to the claim you are making under this policy.
- Any loss or damage to any property, or any legal liability, directly or indirectly resulting from or contributed to or arising from:
 - a. Ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel, or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel, the radioactive, toxic, explosive, or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component of such assembly;
 - war, act of terrorism, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war has been declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military, or usurped power.
- Any loss, injury, damage, Illness, death, or legal liability directly or indirectly resulting from, happening through, in consequence of or contributed to:
 - a. An epidemic, pandemic, or other such health warning, and declared as such by the Department of Health and Children 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.
- The cost of or compensation due, where your pet is euthanised under a court order following its destruction for the protection of livestock.
- 11. Costs arising as a result of a disease transmitted from animals or birds to humans
- 12. Claims where your pet has been used for commercial breeding, monetary gain, security purposes, as a guard dog, in any trade, profession or business, in any form of racing or any pet trained to attack.
- 13. Claims of any kind which result from your pet straying, escaping, damaging property, or attacking people if your pet has done this before.
- 14. Any claims for a pet which should be registered under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 and the Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 or any subsequent amendments or re-enactments or wolf hybrids.
- 15. Any **pet** less than 5 weeks' old is an excluded **dog** or cat.

Excluded dogs

The following **dogs** are not eligible for this insurance and are excluded from all cover:

- Any dog used for trade, profession, or business except Assistance Dogs.
- Any dog used for guarding, racing, coursing, or beating whether for business or recreational purposes.

The following dogs, as outlined in the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, are specifically excluded from cover under any section of this **policy**:

Pit Bull Terrier

- Japanese Tosa / Tosa Inus
- Dogo Argentino (also referred to as Argentine Dogo and Argentinian Mastiff)
- 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; and any other breed or type deemed to be dangerous by the Secretary of State and subsequently added to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

The following types/breeds and/or any **dog** crossbred from these are also excluded from cover under any section of this **policy**:

- American Bandogge / Bandogge
 Mastiff
- Australian Dingo
- Bully Kutta
- Canadian Inuit
- Canary Dogs / Perro De Pressa Canarios / Presa Canarios
- Cane Corsos
- Central Asian Shepherd Dog
- Czechoslovakian Wolfdogs / Sarlooswolfhounds / Wolf Hybrids
- Irish Staffordshire Bull Terrier
- Racing Greyhounds
- Tamaskan

If your dog is found to be an excluded dog the insurer will cancel your policy, refuse all claims, and keep any premium you have paid. We will also charge you the cancellation fee.

Complaints procedure

We aim 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 are dissatisfied about the handling of a claim or service received and wish to complain you should, in the first instance, contact us using the details below:

If your complaint is about Policy Administration

Write to

Scratch and Patch Customer Relations PO Box 1193 Doncaster DN1 9PW

Telephone:

0345 074 4819

Email:

complaints@scratchandpatch.co.uk

If your complaint is about Claims

Write to:

Scratch and Patch Claims PO Box 8000 Elland HX1 9ET

Telephone:

0330 102 6839

Email:

claims@scratchandpatch.co.uk

If you remain dissatisfied after we have considered your complaint you may also be able to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service without affecting your legal rights. Further information can be found on their website www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk.

Data protection and your personal information

Your personal information is made up of all the details we and the insurer hold about you and your transactions and includes information we gather from other organisations. This information will be used to administer this policy and handle claims. Your information will be held for no longer than is necessary. By providing this information you consent to us and the insurer processing personal and sensitive data about you where this is necessary or appropriate.

Transferring information to other countries

We and the insurer may transfer your information to countries outside of the UK and EEA on the basis that anyone to whom we or the insurer pass it provides an adequate level of protection. However, this information may be accessed by law-enforcement agencies and other authorities to prevent and detect crime and keep to legal obligations.

Credit-reference agencies

When we provided you with a quote, we searched the electoral roll and other information using a credit-reference agency. A record of the check will be held by the credit-reference agency who may place a footprint of 'insurance search' on your credit file. This footprint will not alter your credit score.

Information held about you

You are entitled to a copy of the information that is held about **you**. **Your** request for information should be made in writing, to **us**.

Further information about **your** rights and how **we** deal with **your** data is contained in **our** Privacy and Legal Statement

https://scratchandpatch.co.uk/legal/privacy-legal-statement/

If **you** are unable to access this website, details can be obtained by contacting **us** using the contact information provided in the How to contact **us** section below.

Regulatory Information

You can check the information below on the Financial Conduct Authority register by visiting register.fca.org.uk or by contacting the FCA on 0800 111 6768.

About Scratch & Patch

Scratch & Patch is a trading name of Only Pets Cover Limited. Only Pets Cover Limited of Bolney Place, Cowfold Road, Bolney, West Sussex, RH17 5QT, United Kingdom is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Their Financial Service Number is 840293. Company number 09971968.

About URIS Group Limited (the administrator)

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About the Insurer

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About Davies Group Limited (the claims handler)

Davies Group Limited of 7th Floor, 1 Minster Court, Mincing Lane, London, England, EC3R 7AA Company number: 06479822

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme

We are covered by the UK Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if we cannot meet our obligations. This depends on the type of business and the circumstances of the claim. Most insurance contracts are covered for 90% of the claim with no

upper limit. **You** can learn more about this scheme at www.fscs.org.uk or by phoning 0800 678 1100 or 0207 741 4100 or writing to Financial Services
Compensation Scheme, 10th Floor, Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London, EC3A 7QU.

How to contact us

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Claims & Claims Complaints 0330 1026839, claims@scratchandpatch.co.uk Or visit **our** website www.scratchandpatch.co.uk

Opening times

- Policy Administration
 Monday Friday: 9am 7pm
 Saturday 9am 2pm
 Sunday & Bank Holidays: Closed
- Claims

Monday – Friday; 9am to 5pm Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays – Closed

Scratch & Patch Careline

The Scratch & Patch Careline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and provides advice and guidance on how to care for **your pet** as well as in an emergency.

If you have any concerns about your pet:

- 1. Dial 0333 332 1926
- 2. Provide the insurance **policy** number shown on **your schedule**
- 3. Describe **your** concerns, questions, or **your pet's** symptoms
- 4. A veterinary nurse will answer **your** questions and explain what **you** need to do next.

Before **you** make a claim, **your pet** must have seen a **vet** for a professional assessment.

This is not a claims helpline. To notify a claim call 0330 1026839.

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