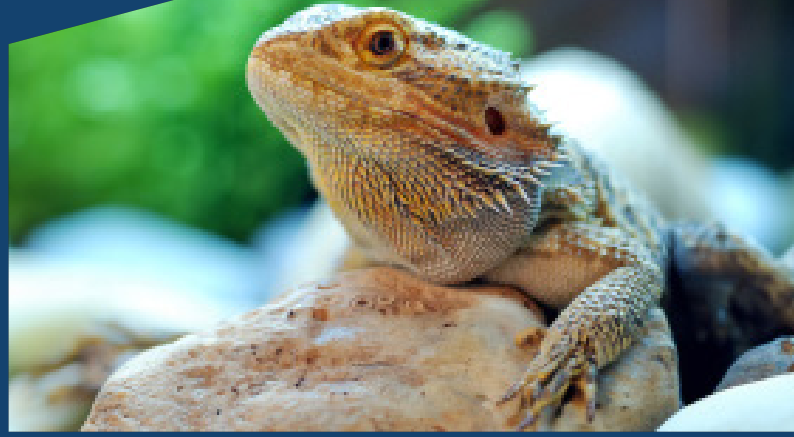


# Petcover

We've Got Your Exotic Pet Covered



## Your Policy Wording for Your Bird, Reptile, Turtle/Tortoise or Mammal

Please read in conjunction with your Certificate of Insurance to understand the Policy for your Pet



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*Dear Policyholder,*

Thank You for considering insuring with Petcover, We would be delighted to have You and Your Pet as part of Our Petcover Family.

We hope Your Pet is in the best of health, but rest assured, if You need Us we'll be there to help.

We do all We can to make the claims process as quick and easy as possible so You can count on prompt and caring service from Our experienced staff when You and Your Pet need it most.

The details of the cover the Policy provides are included in this booklet as well as useful information to make claiming as straightforward as possible.

Wishing You and Your Pet a happy and healthy time ahead.

*The Petcover Team*

We are Pet Owners too!

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# Policy Terms and Conditions

Petcover **New Zealand** does not provide advice or any personal recommendation about the insurance products offered.

## About this insurance

This is an important document. **You** should read it carefully before making a decision to purchase this insurance. It will help **You** to:

- Decide whether this insurance will meet **Your** needs; and
- Compare it with other products **You** may be considering.

## Important information

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

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

It is important that **You**:

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

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

## Information You have given Us

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

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

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

1. treat this insurance as if it had never existed and refuse to pay all claims and return the **Premium** paid. **We** will only do this if **We** provided **You** with insurance cover which **We** would not otherwise have offered;
2. amend the terms of **Your** insurance. **We** may apply these amended terms as if they were already in place if a claim has been adversely impacted by **Your** carelessness;
3. charge **You** more **Premium** for **Your** insurance or reduce the amount **We** pay on a claim in the proportion the **Premium** **You** have paid bears to the **Premium** **We** would have charged **You**; or
4. cancel **Your** insurance in accordance with the “Cancelling this insurance” section on page 10.

**We** will write to **You** if **We**:

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

## Your Duty of Disclosure

Before **You** enter into a Contract of Insurance with Us, **You** have a duty to disclose to **Us** every matter **You** know, or could be reasonably expected to know, (including but not limited to matters relating to the health of **Your Pet**) that is relevant to **Our** decision to insure **Your Pet**, and if so, on what terms **Your** application for insurance is acceptable and to calculate how much **Premium** is required for **Your** insurance.

**You** have the same duty to disclose any relevant matters to **Us** before **You** renew, extend, vary or reinstate the **Policy**. The duty applies until the **Policy** is entered into or where relevant, renewed, extended, varied or reinstated (Relevant Time). If anything changes between the time **You** provide answers or make disclosure and the Relevant Time, **You** need to tell Us.

**You** do not need to tell **Us** about any matter that:

- diminishes **Our** risk;
- is of common knowledge
- **We** already know or should know as an **Insurer**;
- **We** tell **You** **We** do not need to know.

## Who does the Duty apply to?

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

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

If the Duty of Disclosure is not complied with **We** may, to the extent permitted by law cancel the **Policy** and/or reduce the amount **We** pay if **You** make a claim to the extent **We** are prejudiced by **Your** non-disclosure. If fraud is involved, **We** may treat the **Policy** as if it never existed, and pay nothing.

## Privacy Policy

In this Privacy **Policy**, 'We', 'Our', 'Us' means Petcover **New Zealand** Ltd and Sovereign Insurance Australia.

**We** value the privacy of personal information and are bound by the Privacy Act 2020 when **We** collect, use, disclose or handle personal information.

More information about how **We** collect, use, hold and disclose **Your** personal information can be found at:

- Petcover: [www.petcovergroup.com/nz/privacy-Policy](http://www.petcovergroup.com/nz/privacy-Policy)
- Sovereign Insurance Australia: [www.sovereignaustralia.com.au/privacy](http://www.sovereignaustralia.com.au/privacy)

Alternatively, a copy can be sent to **You** on request by contacting Petcover or Sovereign Insurance Australia.

## Why We Collect Your Personal Information

**We** will collect **Your** personal information for the purposes of **Us** providing **You** with insurance services and products, including:

- arranging and administering **Your** application for insurance;
- managing and administering **Your** insurance;
- investigating, processing and managing **Your** claims; and/or
- detecting and preventing fraud.

Petcover may collect personal information about its clients and their insurance placements and store this information on databases that may be accessed by other Petcover affiliates for other purposes, including providing consulting and other services to **Insurers** for which **Our** Group of Companies may earn compensation.

The personal information that **We** may collect includes **Your** name, postal address, e-mail address, date of birth, gender, financial information and personal circumstances. If **You** make a claim, **We** may collect additional personal information to help **Us** make a decision on **Your** claim.

It is not mandatory for **You** to provide any information that **We** request. If **You** chose not to provide the information **We** request, **We** may not be able to provide **You** with the insurance services and products or properly manage and administer those services and products provided to You.

**You** also have a legal obligation to disclose certain information. Failure to disclose this information may result in **Us** declining cover, **Your** insurance being cancelled or the level of cover reduced, or **Your** claims being declined.

## How We Collect Your Personal Information

**You** personal information may be collected by telephone, email, in writing, or through **Our** websites (from data **You** input directly or through cookies and other Web analytic tools). If **You** contact **Us** via an electronic method, **We** may record **Your** Internet electronic identifier i.e. **Your** internet protocol (IP) address. **Your** telephone company may also provide **Us** with **Your** telephone number.

**We** may collect **Your** personal information from **You** directly. However **We** may collect **Your** personal information from other persons, including, but not limited to, persons **You** nominate as authorised representatives for **Your Policy, Your Pet's Vet, breeders, and pet shop.**

If **You** provide **Us** with personal information about another individual, **You** must only do so if **You** have obtained his or her authorisation to disclose that information to **Us** and have made him or her aware of this Privacy **Policy.**

## International transfers

In providing **You** with insurance services, **We** may transfer **Your** personal information outside of **New Zealand** including Australia, UK, European Union (EU) and India. If this happens **We** will ensure that reasonable measures are taken to safeguard **Your** personal information.

## Who We Share Your Information With

**We** may disclose **Your** personal information to third persons in connection with providing **You** with insurance services and products, including authorised agents; service providers; **ReInsurers**; other **Insurers**; legal advisers; loss adjusters and claims handlers.

**We** may also share **Your** personal information with law enforcement, fraud detection, credit reference and debt collection agencies, and within the Talanx Group of companies to:

- assess financial and insurance risks;
- recover debt;
- prevent and detect crime; and
- develop products and services.

**We** will not disclose **Your** personal information to anyone outside this list except:

- where **We** have **Your** permission;
- where **We** are required or permitted to do so by law;
- to other companies who provide a service to **Us** or **You**; and/or
- where **We** may transfer rights and obligations under the Insurance.

## Storage and Security of Personal Information

**We** store personal information electronically and physically. **We** store electronic information in facilities in **New Zealand** and overseas:

- that **We** manage; or
- that are managed by third parties, including cloud storage.

**We** maintain reasonable security safeguards to protect **Your** personal information from loss, misuse, unauthorised access, disclosure, alteration or destruction.

However, no storage method is completely secure and, while reasonable security safeguards are used, **We** cannot completely ensure the security of the personal information collected from **You.**

## Your Access and Correction Rights

The Privacy Act gives **You** rights to request access to, and correction of, **Your** Personal Information collected by **Us.** If **You** wish to exercise these rights, please contact **Us** at:

Petcover **New Zealand** Ltd Customer Care PO Box 112250 Penrose Auckland 1642 info.nz@petcovergroup.com

Sovereign Insurance Australia admin@sovereignaustralia.com.au.

While access to **Your** personal information will generally be provided free of charge, **We** may charge **You** for access costs where permitted by the Privacy Act.

## Consent Acknowledgement

By purchasing insurance products from **Us** and by providing **Us** with **Your** personal information, **You** consent to **Your** information being used, held and disclosed as set out in this **Policy** above.

## Changes to this Notice

**We** keep **Our** privacy notice under regular review. This notice was last updated on the 18th July 2020.

## Contacting Us

If **You** have any questions relating to the processing of **Your** information, please contact Us:

Petcover **New Zealand** Ltd

Customer Service Centre

PO Box 112250

Penrose, Auckland 1642

Ph: 0800 255 426

info.nz@petcovergroup.com

For information about the **Insurer** and Sovereign Insurance Australia please visit <https://www.sovereignaustralia.com.au/>

## Service Issue and Complaints

**We** have in place a formal dispute resolution process, encompassing both internal and external dispute resolution.

**We** are committed to providing quality services to **Our** clients. This commitment extends to giving **You** easy access to people and processes that can resolve a service issue or complaint.

If **You** have a complaint about the service **We** have provided to You, please address **Your** enquiry or complaint to the staff member providing the service, or phone 0800 255 426 during normal office hours.

If **We** are not able to resolve the issue immediately, or within two days, **We** will refer it to the Complaints Manager, who will review the complaint and advise **You** in writing of the expected time for resolution.

## Making a Complaint

**We** treat complaints very seriously and believe **You** have the right to a fair, swift, prompt and courteous service at all times. If **You** are dissatisfied with any aspect of **Our** relationship, **You** may lodge a complaint. **Our** complaints process has three steps:

### Immediate Response & Resolution

Many concerns can be resolved immediately, or within a short amount of time. If **You** have a complaint about the service **We** have provided to You, please address **Your** enquiry or complaint to the staff member providing the service, or phone 0800 255 426 during normal office hours.

### Internal Dispute Resolution

If **We** are unable to resolve **Your** concern, immediately or within 2 days, **We** will escalate **Your** concerns as a complaint to Petcover's Internal Dispute Resolution Team. **Your** complaint will be handled by a person with appropriate authority, knowledge and experience. **You** will be provided with the contact details of the person assigned **Your** complaint. **We** will make a decision about **Your** complaint within 30 calendar days, however **We** will aim to resolve **Your** complaint within 10 business days. If **We** are not able to resolve **Your** complaint within 10 business days, **We** will escalate the matter to Sovereign Insurance Australia or give **You** the option to contact them yourself. Both these internal review processes will be completed within the 30 calendar days.

**You** may contact the Internal Dispute Resolution team directly on 0800 255 426 or via email support.nz@petcovergroup.com or post Petcover **New Zealand** P. O. Box 112 250, Penrose, Auckland 1642.

**You** may also contact Sovereign Insurance Australia, 3801/3803 Pacific Hwy, Tanah Merah, QLD 4128, Australia or via email at: complaints@sovereigninsurance.com.au.

### External Dispute Resolution

In the unlikely event that **Your** complaint is not resolved to **Your** satisfaction following Petcover's Internal Dispute Resolution Process, **You** may be able to take **Your** matter to the independent dispute resolution body, the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA). AFCA will consider complaints from **Our New Zealand**-based customers.

AFCA resolves certain insurance disputes between consumers and **Insurers** and will provide an independent review at no cost to You.

**We** are bound by the determination of AFCA but the determination is not binding on **You**.

Contact details for AFCA:

Australian Financial Complaints Authority Telephone: 0061 1800 931 678. International call charges may apply.

Email: [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)

GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia There is no cost to **You** to use the services of AFCA.

## Renewing this insurance

When this **Policy** is due for renewal, **We** will write to **You** at least fourteen (14) days before the **Period of Insurance** ends with full details of **Your** next year's **Premium** and **Policy** terms and **Conditions**. If **You** pay **Your Premium** by Direct Debit instalments **Your Policy** will renew automatically with **Your** next year's **Premium** and **Policy** terms and **Conditions**; if **You** do not want to renew the **Policy** please contact Us. If **You** need to contact **Us** to discuss **Your** renewal before the expiry of **Your** existing insurance, **Our** contact details can be found on the back cover. Occasionally, **We** may not be able to offer to renew **Your Policy**. If this happens, **We** will write to **You** at least fourteen (14) days before the expiry of **Your Policy** to allow enough time for **You** to make alternative insurance arrangements.

## Cancelling this insurance

**You** may cancel this insurance at any time by notifying Us via phone at 0800 255 426 or by emailing [info.nz@petcovergroup.com](mailto:info.nz@petcovergroup.com).

### Cancellation by **You** within the cooling-off period

**You** have a cooling off period of twenty-one (21) days from the date **You** purchased the **Policy**. During this period **You** can return the **Policy** and receive a refund of any **Premium** paid, provided **You** have not exercised right or power under the **Policy** (e.g. made any claim) or the **Period of Insurance** has not ended.

To exercise **Your** cooling off rights **You** must advise **Us** of **Your** intention by phone by calling 0800 255 426 or by advising **Us** in writing. Send written confirmation to: Petcover **New Zealand** Ltd, PO Box 112250, Penrose Auckland 1642 or email to [info.nz@petcovergroup.com](mailto:info.nz@petcovergroup.com). **We** may deduct from **Your** refund amount any government taxes or duties **We** cannot recover.

After the cooling off period has ended, **You** still have cancellation rights, however **We** may deduct a pro rata proportion of the **Premium** for time on risk, government taxes or duties **We** cannot recover (refer to 'General **Conditions**'. Cancellation on page 17-18 for full details).

### Cancellation by **You** after the cooling-off period

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

### Cancellation by **Us**

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

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

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

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

## Definitions

<b>Twelve (12) Months</b>	means a consecutive period of days (or 366 days in a leap year).
<b>Accident</b>	<p>means a sudden, unexpected and specific event which occurs at an identifiable time and place.</p> <p>All <b>Accidents</b> arising from one event or one original cause will be treated by <b>Us</b> as one <b>Accident</b>.</p> <p>For the sake of clarity, an <b>Accident</b> does include physical damage or trauma of a gradual nature which happens over time. This includes, but is not limited to, <b>Conditions</b> such as luxating patella; a rupture or strain of one or both cruciate ligaments; degenerative joint disease; hip dysplasia and hyperextending hocks; Juvenile Pubis Symphysiodesis (JPS)</p>
<b>Accidental Injury</b>	means a sudden and unforeseen <b>Injury</b> which is the result of an identifiable and known cause or event during the <b>Period of Insurance</b> .
<b>Agreed Countries</b>	means any country within the Realm of <b>New Zealand</b> , any Bio Security <b>New Zealand</b> within the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) approved Countries from which a Pet can return to <b>New Zealand</b> and does not require quarantine. (At the date of this document the countries specified are, but not limited to Australia, Cocos (Keeling) Island, Norfolk Island.)
<b>Alternative or Complementary Treatment</b>	<p>means the cost of any examination, consultation, advice, test and legally prescribed medication for the following procedures where they treat an <b>Illness</b> or <b>Injury</b>. This includes any <b>Veterinary Treatment</b> specifically needed to carry out the procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acupuncture or Homeopathy carried out by or <b>Herbal Medicine</b> prescribed by a <b>Member of a Veterinary Practice</b>.</li> <li>2. Chiropractic manipulation carried out by a <b>Member of a Veterinary Practice</b>, providing the member is a qualified animal chiropractor.</li> <li>3. Hydrotherapy carried out by a <b>Member of a Veterinary Practice</b> in a pool/water treadmill owned by the <b>Veterinary Practice</b> providing the member is a qualified animal hydrotherapist.</li> <li>4. Osteopathy carried out by a <b>Member of a Veterinary Practice</b> providing the member is a qualified animal osteopath.</li> </ol>
<b>Behavioural Illness</b>	means any change to <b>Your Pet's</b> normal behaviour, resulting from a mental or emotional disorder diagnosed by <b>Your Vet</b> .
<b>Bilateral Condition</b>	means any <b>Condition</b> affecting body parts of which the pet has at least two, including, but not limited to eyes, ears, patella's (knees), cruciate ligaments. When applying an <b>Exclusion</b> , <b>Bilateral Conditions</b> are considered the one <b>Condition</b> .
<b>Certificate of Insurance</b>	means the relevant <b>Certificate of Insurance We</b> issue, including on renewal or variation of the <b>Policy</b> containing details of the cover provided under the <b>Policy</b> including any <b>Exclusions</b> and other specific insurance details that <b>We</b> have applied to <b>Your</b> cover.
<b>Clinical signs</b>	means changes in <b>Your Pet's</b> normal healthy state or its bodily functions.
<b>Condition</b>	means any <b>Condition</b> that causes discomfort, dysfunction, distress, including <b>Injuries</b> and <b>Illness</b> , disabilities, disorders, <b>Clinical signs</b> , syndromes, infections, isolated symptoms, deviant behaviour, and atypical variations of structure and function and/or death to the pet afflicted.

<b>Dental</b>	means <b>Dental</b> check-ups; <b>Dental</b> scale and polish; teeth cleaning; removal or repair of misaligned; retained deciduous teeth or teeth rasping and de-burring.
<b>Elective Surgery or Treatment</b>	<p>means a <b>Treatment</b> that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• de-sexing, spaying or castration; surgical sexing;</li> <li>• micro-chipping; ringing;</li> <li>• grooming; de-matting; descaling; beak trimming; dew claw and claw removal;</li> <li>• cosmetic or aesthetic surgery;</li> <li>• pinioning (removal of a birds pinion joint); wing or feather clipping;</li> <li>• debudding/dehorning (horn bud/horn removal);</li> <li>• prescription diet foods;</li> <li>• any <b>Treatment</b> not related to an <b>Injury, Illness</b>, or trauma.</li> </ul> <p><b>Elective Surgery or Treatment</b> that is beneficial to the pet but is not essential for <b>Your Pet's</b> survival or does not form part of a <b>Treatment</b> for an <b>Injury</b> or <b>Illness</b>. <b>Veterinary Treatment</b> including diagnostic or a procedure <b>You</b> request, which the <b>Vet</b> confirms is not necessary to treat an <b>Injury</b> or <b>Illness</b>.</p>
<b>Excess</b>	means the amount stated on <b>Your Certificate of Insurance</b> which <b>You</b> will have to pay in the event of a claim.
<b>Exclusion</b>	means a <b>Condition</b> or circumstance for which the <b>Insurers</b> will not pay. Any specific <b>Exclusion</b> will be shown on <b>Your Certificate of Insurance</b> and <b>You</b> will be told of this before <b>You</b> take out the insurance or at renewal. (See also the <b>General Exclusions</b> section and the What <b>We</b> will not pay under each cover section).
<b>Family</b>	means <b>Your Immediate Family</b> and grandparents, brothers, sisters, grandsons, and/or granddaughters including step relationships.
<b>Herbal Medicine</b>	means <b>Herbal Medicine</b> prescribed by a <b>Member of a Veterinary Practice</b> .
<b>Home</b>	means the place in <b>New Zealand</b> where <b>You</b> usually live.
<b>Illness</b>	means any sickness, disease or changes in <b>Your Pet's</b> normal healthy state. Excluding any mental or emotional disorders.
<b>Immediate Family</b>	means spouse, civil partner, life partner, partner, parents, sons and daughters, including <b>Family</b> of step relationships.
<b>Injury</b>	means a physical <b>Injury</b> or trauma caused immediately, solely and directly from an <b>Accident</b> . This does not include any physical <b>Injury</b> or trauma that happens over a period of time or is of a gradual nature.

<b>Insurer</b>	means Sovereign Insurance Australia, Pty Ltd (ABN 85 138 079 286, AFSL No. AFSL No. 342516) with its registered address at 3801/3803 Pacific Hwy, Tanah Merah QLD 4128 Australia.
<b>Journey</b>	means travel from <b>Your Home</b> within <b>New Zealand</b> or any of the <b>Agreed Countries</b> undertaken during the <b>Period of Insurance</b> for a maximum of thirty (30) days for all <b>Journeys</b> in the <b>Period of Insurance</b> . This includes the duration of <b>Your</b> holiday or business trip and any travel, in and between <b>New Zealand</b> and an <b>Agreed Country</b> and return <b>Journeys</b> to <b>Your Home</b> .
<b>Mammal</b>	means any chinchilla, chipmunk, degu, ferret, gerbil, goat, guinea pig, hamster, hedgehog, lemur, mouse, monkey, pig, racoon, rat, skunk or sugar glider.
<b>Market Value</b>	means the price generally paid for an animal of the same age, breed, pedigree, sex and breeding ability at the time <b>You</b> took ownership of <b>Your Pet</b> as determined by <b>Us</b> .
<b>Maximum Benefit</b>	means the most <b>We</b> will pay for the relevant level of cover <b>You</b> have chosen during the <b>Period of Insurance</b> as set out in the <b>Certificate of Insurance</b> , subject to <b>Exclusions</b> of the <b>Policy</b> less the applicable <b>Excess</b> .
<b>Member of a Veterinary Practice</b>	means any person legally employed by a <b>Veterinary Practice</b> under a contract of employment, other than a <b>Vet</b> who may be <b>The Insured</b> .
<b>Optional Extra Benefit</b>	means an additional benefit that <b>You</b> can elect to include in addition to the basic insurance. For <b>Optional Extra Benefits</b> to be included <b>You</b> must select the <b>Option</b> and pay an additional <b>Premium</b> . If applicable the <b>Optional Extra Benefit</b> will be shown on <b>Your Certificate of Insurance</b> .
<b>Our Vet</b>	means any <b>Vet</b> appointed or engaged by <b>Us</b> to carry out <b>Treatment</b> to <b>Your Pet</b> or discuss <b>Your Pet's Treatment</b> with <b>Your Vet</b> .
<b>Period of Insurance</b>	means the time during which <b>We</b> give cover as shown on <b>Your Certificate of Insurance</b> . It does not refer to any prior <b>Period of Insurance</b> if the <b>Policy</b> is a renewal of a previous <b>Policy</b> or any future <b>Period of Insurance</b> for any <b>Policy</b> <b>You</b> may enter into with <b>Us</b> upon renewal. Each <b>Period of Insurance</b> is treated as separate. This is normally <b>Twelve (12) Months</b> but may be less if <b>Your Pet</b> has been added to <b>Your</b> insurance or it has been cancelled.
<b>Pet Immigration</b>	means a system that allows pet owners in the <b>New Zealand</b> to take their pets to the <b>Agreed Countries</b> and bring them back to the <b>New Zealand</b> without the need for quarantine.
<b>Physiotherapy</b>	means <b>Physiotherapy</b> (not including hydrotherapy) carried out by a <b>Member of a Veterinary Practice</b> who is a qualified animal physiotherapist.

<b>Policy</b>	means this document and the <b>Certificate of Insurance</b> and the Insurance Product Information Document (IPID) and any other documents <b>We</b> issue to <b>You</b> which are expressed to form part of the <b>Policy</b> terms, and which set out the cover <b>We</b> provide for the <b>Period of Insurance</b> . For the sake of clarity, it does not include any prior <b>Policy</b> that this is a renewal of or any future <b>Policy</b> that is a renewal of this <b>Policy</b> .
<b>Pre-Existing Conditions</b>	<p>means any <b>Condition(s)</b> or symptom(s), sign(s) or <b>Clinical sign(s)</b> of any <b>Condition, Injury</b> or <b>Illness</b> occurring or existing in any form that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Has happened or first showed <b>Clinical signs</b>;</li> <li>b. Has the same diagnosis or <b>Clinical signs</b> as an <b>Injury, Illness</b> or <b>Clinical sign Your Pet</b> had; or,</li> <li>c. Is caused by, relates to, or results from, an <b>Injury, Illness</b> or <b>Clinical sign Your Pet</b> had occurring or existing: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i Before <b>Your Pet's</b> cover started, or prior to the <b>Policy</b> commencement date;</li> <li>ii During the <b>Waiting Period</b>; or</li> <li>iii Before the section was added to <b>Your</b> insurance.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>This applies no matter where the <b>Injury, Illness</b> or <b>Clinical sign(s)</b> occurred or happen in, or on, <b>Your Pet's</b> body. This is regardless of whether or not <b>We</b> place any <b>Exclusion(s)</b> for the <b>Injury/Illness</b>. A <b>Condition</b> from which <b>Your Pet(s)</b> may be suffering before the insurance cover started and which may have existed without <b>Your</b> knowledge i.e. (but not limited to) a latent, genetic or hereditary disease, <b>Injury</b> or deformity.</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt when referring to <b>Pre-Existing Conditions</b>, any <b>Bilateral Conditions</b> will be deemed to be a <b>Pre-Existing Condition</b> and both will be excluded from cover.</p>
<b>Premium</b>	means the cost of <b>Your</b> insurance including any fees and taxes specified on <b>Your Certificate of Insurance</b> .
<b>Routine or Preventative Treatment</b>	means care or <b>Treatment</b> such as check-ups and procedures that are designed to prevent <b>Illnesses</b> or <b>Injury</b> from occurring. These include annual physical examinations and check-ups, vaccinations, worm prevention medication; routine beak trimming; nail/claw clipping; flea; tick; mite and other internal/external parasite prevention; removal of misaligned or retained deciduous teeth.
<b>Terrorism</b>	means an act, whether or not including the use of force or violence and/or the threat thereof, of any person or group(s) of persons, whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation(s) or government(s), committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes including the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear.
<b>Treatment</b>	means <b>Veterinary Treatment</b> or <b>Alternative or Complementary Treatment</b> .
<b>The Insured, You, Your</b>	means the person or organisation named on <b>Your Certificate of Insurance</b> .
<b>New Zealand</b>	Realm of <b>New Zealand</b> .
<b>Vermin</b>	means but not limited to the following feral, wild animals including - Rats, Mice, Foxes, Cats, Dogs, Stoats, Weasels and Ferrets.

<b>Vet</b>	means a registered Veterinarian, Specialist Veterinarian, <b>Veterinary Practice</b> , clinic, hospital, centre including referral hospitals, licensed to practice in <b>New Zealand</b> , other than a <b>Vet</b> who may be <b>The Insured</b> .
<b>Veterinary Fees</b>	means the amount <b>Vets</b> in general or referral practices usually charge.
<b>Veterinary Treatment</b>	<p>means the cost of the following when required to treat an <b>Illness</b> or <b>Injury</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any examination, consultation, advice, tests, X-rays, diagnostic procedure, surgery and nursing carried out by a <b>Vet</b>, a veterinary nurse or another <b>Member of a Veterinary Practice</b> under the supervision of a <b>Vet</b>, and</li> <li>• Any medication legally prescribed by a <b>Vet</b>,</li> <li>• Any surgery, essential hospitalisation, nursing and/or the application of medicines provided by a qualified <b>Vet</b> in respect of an <b>Accident</b> to, or <b>Illness</b> in <b>Your Pet(s)</b>.</li> </ul> <p>This does not include general consultations, health checks, vaccinations, or the administering of un-prescribed drugs.</p>
<b>Veterinary Practice</b>	means any veterinary service provided by a veterinary organisation or business.
<b>Waiting Period</b>	means a period of twenty-one (21) days starting from the commencement date of the <b>Policy</b> (excluding renewals) as shown on <b>Your Certificate of Insurance</b> during which an <b>Illness</b> or <b>Condition</b> that first occurs or shows <b>Clinical signs</b> will be excluded from cover unless otherwise stated on <b>Your Certificate of Insurance</b> . The twenty-one (21) day <b>Waiting Period</b> will cease at 00.01 on the twenty second (22nd) day of cover.
<b>We, Us, Our</b>	Means Petcover <b>New Zealand</b> Ltd. acting on behalf of Sovereign Insurance Australia, the Insurer of the Policy.
<b>Your Pet</b>	means the animal(s) named or otherwise identified on <b>Your Certificate of Insurance</b> .

# General Conditions

<b>1. Conditions of the Policy</b>	<b>You</b> must comply with the general <b>Conditions</b> and special <b>Conditions</b> to have the full protection of the <b>Policy</b> . If <b>You</b> do not, and the <b>Condition You</b> have not kept to relates to a claim, <b>We</b> may refuse or reduce the amount <b>We</b> pay under the claim.
<b>2. Caring for Your Pet</b>	Throughout the <b>Period of Insurance You</b> must take all reasonable steps to maintain <b>Your Pet's</b> health and to prevent <b>Injury, Illness</b> and loss. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>You</b> must provide <b>Routine or Preventative Treatment</b> normally recommended by a <b>Vet</b> to prevent <b>Illness</b> or <b>Injury</b>. If there is a disagreement between <b>You</b> and <b>Us</b> as to what would be reasonable <b>Routine or Preventative Treatment</b>, the details will be referred to an independent pet specialist or an independent <b>Vet</b> mutually agreed upon.</li><li>For any <b>Mammals You</b> must arrange and pay for <b>Your Pet</b> to have a yearly <b>Dental</b> examination and to receive any oral <b>Treatment</b> normally recommended by a <b>Vet</b> to prevent <b>Illness</b> or <b>Injury</b>. Any <b>Dental Treatment</b> recommended as a result of the <b>Dental</b> examination must be carried out as soon as possible. If <b>You</b> do not comply with this obligation, then <b>We</b> may refuse or reduce the amount <b>We</b> pay in respect of any claim which related to <b>Dental Treatment</b> under the claim.</li><li><b>You</b> must keep <b>Your Pet</b> vaccinated against any disease <b>Your Vet</b> has recommended <b>Your Pet</b> be vaccinated against. If <b>You</b> do not keep <b>Your Pet</b> vaccinated, <b>We</b> may refuse or reduce the amount <b>We</b> pay under any claim that relates to a disease that could have been prevented if <b>Your Pet</b> was vaccinated against.</li><li><b>You</b> must arrange for a <b>Vet</b> to examine and treat <b>Your Pet</b> as soon as possible after it shows <b>Clinical signs</b> of an <b>Injury</b> or <b>Illness</b>. <b>You</b> must follow the advice and recommendations of the treating <b>Vet</b> so as not to prolong or aggravate the <b>Illness</b> or <b>Injury</b>. If <b>You</b> do not follow the <b>Vet's</b> advice <b>We</b> may refuse or reduce the amount <b>We</b> pay relating to that <b>Injury</b> or <b>Illness</b>. If <b>We</b> decide, <b>You</b> must also take <b>Your Pet</b> to <b>Our Vet</b>.</li><li><b>You</b> must keep <b>Your Pet</b> in appropriate enclosures, cages or vivariums with adequate heating and ventilation. If there is a disagreement between <b>You</b> and <b>Us</b> as to what reasonable steps are, the details will be referred to an independent pet specialist or an independent <b>Vet</b> mutually agreed upon.</li></ol>
<b>3. Claims Preauthorisation</b>	<b>We</b> will not guarantee on the phone if <b>We</b> will pay a claim. <b>You</b> must send <b>Us</b> a claim form that has been fully completed and <b>We</b> will then write to <b>You</b> with <b>Our</b> decision.
<b>4. Required Information</b>	When <b>You</b> make a claim <b>You</b> agree to give <b>Us</b> any information <b>We</b> may reasonably ask for.
<b>5. Vets Information</b>	<b>You</b> agree that any <b>Vet</b> has <b>Your</b> permission to release to <b>Us</b> any information <b>We</b> ask for about <b>Your Pet</b> . If the <b>Vet</b> makes a charge for this, <b>You</b> must pay the charge. <b>We</b> will provide any information to a <b>Vet</b> who has treated or is asked to treat <b>Your Pet</b> any information about <b>Your</b> insurance.
<b>6. Legal Rights Against Others</b>	If there is any other insurance under which <b>You</b> are entitled to make a claim <b>You</b> must report the incident to that insurance company and tell <b>Us</b> their name and address and <b>Your Policy</b> and claim number with them. To the extent permitted by law, <b>We</b> will only pay <b>Our</b> share of the claim. If <b>You</b> have any legal rights against another person in relation to <b>Your</b> claim, <b>We</b> may take legal action against them in <b>Your</b> name at <b>Our</b> expense. <b>You</b> must give <b>Us</b> all the help <b>You</b> can and provide any documents <b>We</b> ask for.
<b>7. Claims, Paid Direct to Vet</b>	If <b>We</b> agree for a claim payment to be paid directly to <b>Your Vet</b> and <b>You</b> allow this, then if the <b>Vet</b> , who has treated <b>Your Pet</b> or is about to treat <b>Your Pet</b> , asks for information about <b>Your</b> insurance that relates to a claim, <b>We</b> will tell the <b>Vet</b> what the insurance covers, what <b>We</b> will not pay for, how the amount <b>We</b> pay is calculated and if the <b>Premiums</b> are paid to date.

<p><b>8. Claims, Vet Fee Charges</b></p>	<p>If the <b>Veterinary Fees You</b> are charged are higher than the <b>Veterinary Fees</b> normally charged by a general or referral <b>Practice</b>, <b>We</b> reserve the right to request a second opinion from <b>Our Vet</b> as to whether the fees are reasonable. If <b>Our Vet</b> does not agree that the <b>Veterinary Fees</b> charged are reasonable <b>We</b> may decide to pay only the <b>Veterinary Fees</b> usually charged by a general or referral <b>Practice</b> in a similar area as determined by <b>Our Vet</b>.</p>
<p><b>9. Claims, Over Treatment</b></p>	<p>If <b>We</b> consider the <b>Veterinary Treatment Your Pet</b> receives may not be required, or may be <b>Excessive</b> when compared with the <b>Treatment</b> normally recommended to treat the same <b>Illness</b> or <b>Injury</b> by general or referral <b>Practices</b>, <b>We</b> reserve the right to request a second opinion from <b>Our Vet</b>. If <b>Our Vet</b> does not agree that the <b>Veterinary Treatment</b> provided is reasonably required <b>We</b> may decide to pay only the cost of the <b>Veterinary Treatment</b> that was necessary to treat the <b>Injury</b> or <b>Illness</b>, as determined by <b>Our Vet</b>.</p>
<p><b>10. Claims, Settlement</b></p>	<p>When <b>We</b> settle <b>Your</b> claim, <b>We</b> reserve the right to deduct from the claim amount any amount due to <b>Us</b>.</p>
<p><b>11. Cancelling Your Policy</b></p>	<p><b>You</b> can cancel your <b>Policy</b> by calling us at 0800 255 426 or writing to <b>Us</b>. <b>You</b> may be entitled to a refund of the money you have paid for the <b>Period of Insurance</b> after the cancellation date.</p>
<p><b>12. Cancellation Rights</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In addition to <b>Your Cooling Off</b> rights detailed earlier, <b>You</b> may cancel the <b>Policy</b> at any time by notifying us.</li> <li>b. Cancellation by <b>You</b> will be effective from 11:59pm NZST on the day we receive <b>Your</b> notice of cancellation.</li> <li>c. <b>We</b> have the right to cancel the <b>Policy</b> where permitted by and in accordance with law. For example, <b>We</b> may cancel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If <b>You</b> failed to comply with <b>Your Duty of Disclosure</b>;</li> <li>• Where <b>You</b> have made a misrepresentation to <b>Us</b> during negotiations prior to the issue of the <b>Policy</b>;</li> <li>• Where <b>You</b> have failed to comply with a provision of the <b>Policy</b>, including the term relating to payment of premium; or</li> <li>• Where <b>You</b> have made a fraudulent claim under the <b>Policy</b> or under some other contract of insurance that provides cover during the same period of time that the <b>Policy</b> covers <b>You</b>, and <b>We</b> may do so by giving <b>You</b> three days' notice in writing of the date from which the <b>Policy</b> will be cancelled. The notification may be delivered personally or posted to <b>You</b> at the address last notified to <b>Us</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Cancellation by <b>Us</b> will be effective from the later of 11:59pm NZST on the third business day after the day it is given to <b>You</b> or such other date specified in the cancellation notice.</li> <li>e. If <b>You</b> or <b>We</b> cancel the <b>Policy</b> <b>We</b> may deduct a pro rata proportion of the premium for time on risk, and any government taxes or duties we cannot recover.</li> <li>f. For the avoidance of doubt, if the <b>Policy</b> is cancelled or comes to an end for any reason all cover for <b>Your Pet</b> will stop on the date and time the cancellation becomes effective and no further claims will be paid</li> </ol>

<p><b>13. Cancellation where <u>no claims</u> have been made</b></p>	<p>If <b>You</b> cancel the <b>Policy</b> for whatever reason after the <b>Cooling off</b> period and <b>You</b> have paid the annual Premium in full, provided no claim has been made, <b>We</b> will refund the premium less:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The amount covering the period <b>You</b> were insured for;</li> <li>• Any government or statutory charges <b>We</b> are unable to recover.</li> </ul> <p>If <b>You</b> have been paying your premium by instalments, there is no premium refund (including for any remaining days of a current instalment period). No further premiums instalments will be deducted.</p>
<p><b>14. Cancellation <u>after a claim</u> has been made</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If <b>You</b> cancel <b>Your Policy</b> for whatever reason after having made a claim, no premium refunds are payable and the remaining premiums for that <b>Policy Period</b> must be paid if it is not already been paid.</li> <li>• Any outstanding premium may be deducted from any claim payment owed, or alternatively, charged to Your nominated bank/credit card account. This clause survives termination of this contract.</li> <li>• If <b>You</b> cancel <b>Your Policy</b> because <b>Your Pet</b> has passed away and after having made a claim, <b>Your Policy</b> will be cancelled as set out above, by <b>Us</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>15. Paying Your Premium</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If <b>You</b> pay by monthly instalments and <b>You</b> do not pay an instalment on time, <b>We</b> will let <b>You</b> know and <b>We</b> will try to deduct the overdue amount along with <b>Your</b> next regular payment on the next instalment due date. If the next attempt to deduct the outstanding amount and the next instalment amount fails, <b>We</b> will cancel <b>Your Policy</b> for non-payment. <b>We</b> will send <b>You</b> a notice advising <b>You</b> of cancellation and cancellation will be effective 14 days from the date on this notice. So it's important that <b>You</b> pay <b>Your</b> instalments on time. If <b>You</b> can't, You should get in touch with <b>Us</b> immediately.</li> <li>If the <b>Policy</b> is cancelled by <b>Us</b> because <b>You</b> have not paid the premium <b>We</b> may agree to reinstate the <b>Policy</b> if <b>You</b> pay all premiums due.</li> <li>If <b>You</b> pay <b>Your Premium</b> annually and <b>We</b> have not received <b>Your Premium</b> by the due date, <b>We</b> will let <b>You</b> know and provide <b>You</b> the opportunity to pay the outstanding amount. If <b>We</b> do not receive payment within 21 days of the due date, <b>We</b> will cancel the <b>Policy</b> on or following the date specified on the cancellation notice.</li> <li>When <b>We</b> settle <b>Your</b> claim, <b>We</b> will deduct from the claim, any amount due to <b>Us</b>.</li> </ol>
<p><b>16. Changes at renewal</b></p>	<p>This document also applies for any offer of renewal <b>We</b> make, unless <b>We</b> tell <b>You</b> otherwise. When <b>We</b> offer renewal <b>We</b> may:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change the <b>Premium, Excesses</b> and <b>Policy Terms and Conditions</b>.</li> <li>Place <b>Exclusions</b> because of <b>Your Pet's</b> claims and <b>Veterinary</b> history.</li> <li>Limit or withdraw Third Party Liability cover based on a review of <b>Your Pet's</b> behaviour, for example, any aggressive tendencies shown or any incidents where <b>Your Pet</b> has caused <b>Injury</b> to a person or another animal.</li> </ol>
<p><b>17. Upgrading cover</b></p>	<p>If a higher plan is available for <b>Your Pet</b> <b>You</b> can apply for an upgrade at renewal of <b>Your Policy</b> and at this time the request will be subject to an underwriting review of <b>Your Pet's</b> veterinary history.</p>
<p><b>18. Changes during the Period of Insurance</b></p>	<p><b>We</b> will not change the cover <b>We</b> provide for <b>Your Pet</b> during the <b>Period of Insurance</b>, unless:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>You</b> decide to downgrade <b>Your Pet's</b> cover.</li> <li><b>You</b> did not tell <b>Us</b> about something when <b>We</b> previously asked.</li> <li><b>You</b> provided <b>Us</b> with inaccurate information when previously asked, regardless of whether or not <b>You</b> thought it was accurate at the time.</li> <li>If <b>You</b> transfer <b>Your Pet</b> to a plan with additional or higher benefit limits at renewal, the additional or higher benefits will not apply if the <b>Condition</b> being claimed for first occurred prior to the change in the level of cover.</li> </ol>

<p><b>19. Exclusions applicable to Your Pet</b></p>	<p>a. Any <b>Injury/Illness</b> which occurred before <b>Your Pet's</b> cover started is a <b>Pre-Existing Condition</b> which will never be covered by <b>Your</b> insurance;</p> <p>b. Any <b>Illness</b> which starts in the <b>Waiting Period</b>;</p> <p>c. In addition to the <b>Exclusions</b> set out in these Terms and <b>Conditions</b>, the <b>Policy</b> does not cover any amount that results from an <b>Injury, Illness</b> or incident which is shown as excluded on <b>Your Certificate of Insurance</b>.</p>
<p><b>20. Claimable Period</b></p>	<p>This <b>Policy</b> covers an <b>Injury</b> or <b>Illness</b> for a period of <b>Twelve (12) Months</b> only. The <b>Twelve (12) Months</b> starts on the date the <b>Injury</b> first happened after <b>Your Pet's</b> cover started, or the first <b>Clinical Sign</b> of the <b>Illness</b> or <b>Condition</b> occurring or existing in any form, after the conclusion of the <b>Waiting Period</b>. After this <b>twelve (12) month</b> period <b>We</b> will not cover any further claims for that or any related <b>Injury</b> or <b>Illness</b>.</p>
<p><b>21. Policy Limits</b></p>	<p>Limits apply to items covered by <b>Your Policy</b>. <b>You</b> should read the <b>Policy</b> carefully so that <b>You</b> are aware of what limits may be applicable to <b>You</b> in the event of a loss.</p>
<p><b>22. Travel Cover</b></p>	<p>Some sections of <b>Your Policy</b> provide cover whilst <b>Your Pet</b> is on a <b>Journey</b>. While <b>Your Pet</b> is outside <b>New Zealand</b> <b>You</b> must follow the <b>Conditions</b> of any pet travel regulations currently in force at the time. <b>You</b> agree to pay translation costs for any claim documentation not written in English. Any claims will be paid in <b>New Zealand</b> Dollars.</p>
<p><b>23. Jurisdiction</b></p>	<p>This insurance contract is subject to the laws of <b>New Zealand</b> and the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of <b>New Zealand</b>. Unless <b>We</b> agree otherwise, the language of the <b>Policy</b> and all communications relating to it will be in English.</p>
<p><b>24. Your Residence</b></p>	<p><b>Your Pet</b> must live in <b>New Zealand</b>. If <b>Your</b> address, or the address of <b>Your Pet</b>, changes <b>You</b> must advise <b>Us</b> as soon as possible as this may affect the insurance cover provided.</p>
<p><b>25. Fraudulent Claims</b></p>	<p>If <b>You</b> submit a fraudulent claim, or solicit <b>Your Vet</b> to behave in a fraudulent manner or persuade them to falsify or change information regarding a claim, then the claim may be denied and <b>We</b> may cancel the <b>Policy</b>. <b>We</b> may also be entitled to reclaim any payments already made to <b>You</b> in respect to such claims and <b>We</b> may retain <b>Your Premium</b>.</p>
<p><b>26. Transferring Insurance</b></p>	<p>This insurance is not transferrable.</p>
<p><b>27. Your Age when cover starts</b></p>	<p><b>You</b> must have been over the age of eighteen (18) at the time <b>You</b> purchased this insurance.</p>
<p><b>28. Sanctions</b></p>	<p>No (re)<b>Insurer</b> shall be deemed to provide cover and no (re)<b>Insurer</b> shall be liable to pay any claim or provide any benefit hereunder to the extent that the provision of such cover, payment of such claim or provision of such benefit would expose that (re)<b>Insurer</b> to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of Australia, <b>New Zealand</b>, European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America.</p>

## General Exclusions

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

1. A **Condition** specifically excluded on **Your Certificate of Insurance**.
2. Any pet(s) aged within the following age limits at the commencement of **Your** insurance:
  - a. Bird(s) less than 12 weeks of age.
  - b. Reptile(s) less than 8 weeks of age.
  - c. Tortoise(s) less than 12 weeks of age or over the age of 50 years
  - d. **Mammal**(s) less than 8 weeks of age or over the age of 5 years (except in the case of chinchillas, less than 8 weeks old or over the age of 8 years)
3. Cost of **Routine or Preventative Treatment**.
4. Cost of **Elective Surgery or Treatment**.
5. Any amount due to an **Injury** or **Illness** caused by **Your** other pets, the pets of anyone living with **You**, or any other animal in **Your** care, or any animal visiting **Your** premises.
6. Any pet being used for a commercial purpose or kept on a commercial premises for a period longer than thirty (30) days unless agreed by **Us** and detailed on **Your Certificate of Insurance**.
7. Any amount due to polytetrafluoroethylene fumes.
8. Any amount arising from an attack by **Vermin**. (This does not apply to birds of prey injured whilst hunting).
9. The cost of treating any **Injury** or **Illness** or other bodily **Injury** or **Illness** caused by, arising out of, or in any way connected with a malicious act, deliberate **Injury** or bodily **Injury** or gross negligence caused by **You** or a member of **Your Family** or anyone living with **You** or acting with **Your** express or implied consent.
10. Any amount due to statutory quarantine.
11. Any pandemic or epidemic disease that causes widespread **Illness**, death or destruction affecting pets.
12. Any animals that are banned by any **New Zealand** Government, Public or Local Authority.
13. Any pet declared as a dangerous animal by a Government Authority.
14. Any pet that must be registered under the applicable legislation dealing with dangerous animals.
15. Any amount caused by, arising out of or in any way connected with **Your Pet** being confiscated or destroyed by any Government or Public or Local Authority or any person or Body having the jurisdiction to do so.
16. Any costs caused because any Government or Public or Local Authority or any person or Body having the jurisdiction to do so, have put restrictions on **Your Pet**.
17. Any amount caused by, arising out of or in any way connected with **You** breaking **New Zealand** animal health or importation laws or regulations.
18. Loss, damage, liability or expense directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to or arising from nuclear explosion, reaction, radiation, fallout or contamination by radioactivity.
19. Loss, damage, liability or expense directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to or arising from the use or operation, as a means for inflicting harm, of any computer, computer system, computer software programme, malicious code, computer virus or process or any other electronic system.
20. Loss, damage, liability or expense directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to or arising from any of the following, regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to the loss:
  - a. war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities or warlike operations (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to an uprising, military or usurped power; or
  - b. any weapon or device employing atomic or nuclear fission and/or fusion or other like reaction or radioactive force or matter; or
  - c. any chemical, biological, bio-chemical, or electromagnetic weapon; or
  - d. **Terrorism**,
  - e. any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, or in any way relating to 20a. and/or 20d.
21. **Your** legal liability for payment of compensation in respect of:
  - a. death, bodily **Injury** or **Illness**, and/or
  - b. physical loss or damage to property, except to the extent **You** have such cover under the **Third Party Liability** section of this **Policy**.
22. Any legal costs, expenses, fines and penalties connected with or resulting from a Criminal Court Case or an Act of Parliament unless where required under the **Third Party Liability** section of this **Policy**.
23. Any amount resulting from an **Illness** that **Your Pet** contracted while outside **New Zealand** or the **Agreed Countries**, that it would not normally have contracted in **New Zealand** or the **Agreed Countries**.
24. Any **Journey You** take **Your Pet** on against a **Vet's** advice.
25. Additional **Exclusions** and **Policy** limits may apply to **Your Policy**. For full details of all relevant **Policy** limits and **Exclusions You** must read **Your Certificate of Insurance** and the General **Exclusions** to all sections and also to the specific **Exclusions** to each section under the heading "What **We** will not pay".

## Cover

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

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

### Section 1 – Veterinary Fees

Cover under this section applies in **New Zealand** and **Agreed Countries** only.

#### What We Will Pay

1. The cost of fees incurred for the **Treatment Your Pet** has received to treat an **Injury** and/or **Illness** up to the **Maximum Benefit** as stated on **Your Certificate of Insurance**. The **Maximum Benefit** stated in **Your Certificate of Insurance** is the total amount **We** will pay for all claims during the **Period of Insurance**.
2. **We** will also pay as part of and not in addition to **Your Veterinary Fees Maximum Benefit**, the cost of **Alternative and Complementary Treatments** and **Physiotherapy** to treat an **Injury** and/or **Illness**, when referred and endorsed by **Your Vet**.
3. **We** will also pay as part of and not in addition to **Your Veterinary Fees Maximum Benefit**, up to \$100 for veterinary consultations/visits or prescribed medications needed to carry out the procedure of having **Your Pet** put to sleep, including cremation or burial or disposal costs following **Your Pet** being put to sleep by a **Vet**.
4. **Illness** and **Injury** is covered for **Twelve (12) Months**, starting from the date during the **Period of Insurance** the **Injury** happened, or the **Clinical signs** of the **Illness** first occurred. Payments will continue for **Twelve (12) Months** or until the **Maximum Benefit** is reached, whichever happens first.
5. 90% of the total cost of **Veterinary Treatment** if **Your Pet** is referred to a specialist referral centre by the original treating **Vet**. **You** are required to pay 10% of the total cost of **Veterinary Treatment** by the specialist referral centre in addition to any **Excess** stated on **Your Certificate of Insurance**.
6. 50% of the total cost of **Dental Treatment** in **Mammals**. **You** are required to pay 50% of the total cost of **Dental Treatment** for **Mammals** in addition to any **Excess** stated on **Your Certificate of Insurance**.

#### What You Pay

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

## What We Will Not Pay

1. Any amount which exceeds the **Maximum Benefit** for this section or which will result in the **Maximum Benefit** being exceeded.
2. The cost of any **Treatment** for a **Pre-Existing Condition** during the first **Twelve (12) Months** of **Your Pet's** insurance unless otherwise stated on **Your Certificate of Insurance**.
3. The costs of any **Treatment** for the first **Twelve (12) Months** of **Your Pets** insurance unless otherwise stated on **Your Certificate of Insurance** for:
  - a. an **Injury** that happened or an **Illness** that first showed **Clinical signs** before **Your Pet's** cover started; or,
  - b. an **Injury** or **Illness** that is the same as, or has the same diagnosis or **Clinical Sign** as an **Injury, Illness** or **Clinical Sign** **Your Pet** had before its cover started; or,
  - c. an **Injury** or **Illness** that is caused by, relates to or results from an **Injury, Illness** or **Clinical signs** **Your Pet** had before its cover started, no matter where the **Injury, Illness** or **Clinical signs** occurred or happened in, or on **Your Pet's** body.
4. The costs of any **Treatment** for the first **Twelve (12) Months** of **Your Pets** insurance unless otherwise stated on **Your Certificate of Insurance** for:
  - a. an **Illness** or **Injury** that first showed **Clinical signs** within the **Waiting Period** of **Your Pet's** cover starting; or,
  - b. an **Illness** or **Injury** which is the same as, or has the same diagnosis or **Clinical signs** as an **Illness** or **Injury** that first showed **Clinical signs** within the **Waiting Period** of **Your Pet's** cover starting; or,
  - c. an **Injury** or **Illness** that is caused by, relates to or results from a **Clinical Sign(s)** that first occurred, or an **Illness** that first showed **Clinical signs** within the **Waiting Period** of **Your Pet's** cover starting, no matter where the **Injury, Illness** or **Clinical signs** occurred or happened in, or on **Your Pet's** body.
5. The cost of any **Elective, Routine or Preventative Treatment**, diagnostics or procedure, or any **Treatment** that **You** choose to have carried out that is not directly related to an **Injury** or **Illness**, including any complications that arise.
6. The cost of general health improvers including special food/diets, mineral supplements/vitamin supplements whether prescribed by a **Vet** or not.
7. Any costs for hibernation as a result of poor husbandry and where previously veterinary advice relating to hibernation has not been followed.
8. The cost of any **Treatment** in relation to **Your Pet** being or coming into season, breeding, pregnancy or giving birth.
9. The cost of more than two occurrences of egg binding throughout the pets life.
10. For the cost of **Treatment** for any **Behavioural Illness** if **Your Pet's** behaviour is caused by **You** failing to provide training.
11. For the cost of **Treatment** for any **Behavioural Illness** relating to a mental or emotional disorder, including self-mutilation.
12. For the cost of any **Treatment** in connection with false pregnancy.
13. For the cost of any food, including food prescribed by a **Vet**, unless it is:
  - a. Used to dissolve existing bladder stones and crystals in urine, which is limited to a maximum of 40% of the cost of food for up to six (6) months. A diagnostic test must be carried out to confirm the presence of the stones/crystals.
  - b. Liquid food, used for up to five (5) days while **Your Pet** is hospitalised at a **Veterinary Practice**, providing the **Vet** confirms the use of the liquid food is essential to keep **Your Pet** alive.
14. The cost of periodontics, **Dental** check-ups, Comprehensive Oral Health Assessment and **Treatment** (COHAT), **Dental** x-rays, **Dental** prophylaxis, **Dental** scale and polish or teeth cleaning, gingival curettes, gingival hyperplasia, removal of plaque or calculus or periodontal surgery.
15. The cost of prosthodontics, the removal or repair of misaligned or retained deciduous teeth, orthodontic appliances, crowns, caps or splints, luxation, horizontal bone loss, impacted teeth or embedded teeth.
16. Any cost relating to orthodontics, malocclusion, wry bite, supernumerary teeth, reverse scissor bite, posterior cross bite, anterior crossbite, overbite, brachygnathia, open bite or level bite.
17. For the cost of a post mortem examination.
18. Any costs or putting **Your Pet** to sleep unless it was necessary for humane reasons and to stop incurable suffering.
19. For costs resulting from an **Injury** or **Illness** that are excluded under the **Policy**.
20. For the cost of a house call unless the **Vet** confirms that **Your Pet** is suffering from a serious **Injury** or **Illness** and that moving **Your Pet** would either endanger its life or significantly worsen the serious **Injury/Illness**, regardless of **Your** personal circumstances.
21. For extra costs for treating **Your Pet** outside usual surgery hours; unless the **Vet** confirms an emergency, consultation is essential, regardless of **Your** personal circumstances.
22. For the cost of any additional veterinary attention required because **You** are unable to administer medication or **Your** personal circumstances.
23. For the cost of hospitalisation and any associated **Treatment**, unless the **Vet** confirms **Your Pet** must be hospitalised for essential **Treatment**, regardless of **Your** personal circumstances.

24. For any costs for treating an **Illness** or **Injury** after the last day of the **Period of Insurance**, unless a further **Period of Insurance** has been entered into by **You** and **Us**, in which case the costs may be paid under the new **Policy** entered into with **Us**.
25. Any costs for **Alternative or Complementary Treatment** or **Veterinary Treatment** that does not improve the health or wellbeing of **Your Pet**.
26. For the cost of buying or hiring equipment or machinery or any form of housing, including cages.
27. For the cost of any surgical items that can be used more than once.
28. The cost for **Your Vet** to write a prescription, charge a dispensing fee, charge administration fees or a claim form completion fee.
29. Any claim where the full medical history is not provided when requested.
30. Any bulk purchase of medicines that can't be used in full by the end of the current **Policy** period.
31. Any prolonged course of veterinary medicines, **Alternative or Complementary Treatments** for more than three (3) months if there is a veterinary operation that would have improved or cured the **Condition** unless agreed by **Us**. The maximum payment will be limited to the equivalent cost of the operation.
32. For the cost of any **Treatment** if a claim has not been submitted within **Twelve (12) Months** of **Your Pet** receiving **Treatment**, **We** may refuse or reduce the amount **We** pay to the extent that **We** are prejudiced by the late notification of the claim.
33. Any medicines that have not been approved by The Veterinary Medicines Regulations (VMR) or where there is no evidence to support the usage of this medicine for this **Condition**.
34. The cost of the following procedures; experimental **Treatments**, or therapies; prosthetics or orthopaedic supports or braces, open heart surgeries, cancer vaccinations, therapeutic antibody cancers, stem cell therapy, organ transplants, gene therapies, probiotics, **Dental** vaccines, cold laser **Treatments**, 3D printing, Juvenile Pubic Symphysiodesis (JPS), any drugs not used in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations.
35. For the cost of any **Treatment** while on a **Journey** if a **Vet** believes it can be delayed until **Your Pet** returns **Home**.

## Special Conditions for Veterinary Fees

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

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

## Section 2 – Advertising and Reward

Cover under this section applies in **New Zealand** and **Agreed Countries** only.

### What We Will Pay

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

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

### What You Pay

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

### What We Will Not Pay

1. For any reward that **We** have not agreed before **You** have advertised it.
2. For any reward not supported by a signed receipt giving the full name, address and telephone number of the person who found **Your Pet**.
3. Any reward paid to:
  - a. member of **Your Family** or any person living with **You** or employed by **You**, including any person travelling with **You** during **Your Journey**.
  - b. the person who was caring for **Your Pet** when it was lost or stolen.
  - c. the person who stole **Your Pet** or any person who is in collusion with the person who stole **Your Pet**.
4. Any amount if a claim has not been submitted within **Twelve (12) Months** of **Your Pet** going missing, to the extent that **We** are prejudiced by the late notification of the claim.
5. If **Your Pet** is stolen or goes missing during **Your Journey**:
  - a. More than seven (7) days' accommodation costs and more than \$60 for each day's accommodation.
  - b. Any amount if the cost of accommodation is at a property owned by **You** or **Your Family**.

6. Any amount unless there is some official documentation to certify the theft or loss was reported to the police or the shipping, or aircraft operator if the loss or theft happened while **You** were travelling with them.

#### **Special Conditions for Advertising and Reward**

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

## Section 3 – Third Party Liability

Cover under this section applies in **New Zealand** only.

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

### What We Will Pay

**Your** legal liability for payment of compensation in respect of:

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

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

All **Accidents** of a series consequent upon or attributable to one source or original cause are treated by **Us** as one **Accident**.

This cover applies in respect of an **Accident** occurring anywhere in **New Zealand**. The maximum amount **We** will pay for each claim under this Section 3 – Third Party Liability Cover under this **Policy** is \$1,000,000. Where permitted by law, this limit will be reduced by any amount paid under any other insurance **You** have with **Us**, that provides cover for the same liability, loss, **Accident**, occurrence or incident.

### What You Pay

The first \$500 of each property claim under this Section.

### What We Will Not Pay

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

6. Where **Your** legal liability is over that recoverable under any:
  - a. statutory or compulsory scheme, fund or insurance, or
  - b. **Accident** compensation scheme or workers compensation **Policy** of insurance, or
  - c. industrial award.
7. For any aggravated, exemplary or punitive damages, damages resulting from the multiplication of compensatory damages, fines or penalties.
8. If **Your Pet** is kept or lives on premises that sell alcohol, unless there is no access from the residential premises to the business premises.
9. For an incident which takes place when **Your Pet** is in the care of a business or a professional and **You** are paying for their services. For example, but not limited to, when **Your Pet** is in the care of a pet minder, a trainer, a pet sitter or at a boarding establishment.
10. If the **Accident** happens in an area or place where pets are specifically prohibited, unless **Your Pet** escapes and enters the area outside of **Your** control.

### **Special Conditions for Third Party Liability**

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

## Section 4 – Death from Illness or Injury

Cover under this section applies in **New Zealand** only.

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

### What We Will Pay

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

### What You Pay

The **Excess** shown on **Your Certificate of Insurance**.

### What We Will Not Pay

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

### Special Conditions for Death from Illness or Injury

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

## Section 5 – Loss from Theft, Fire or Weather Perils

Cover under this section applies in **New Zealand** only.

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

### What We Will Pay

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

### What You Pay

The **Excess** shown on **Your Certificate of Insurance**.

### What We Will Not Pay

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

### Special Conditions for Loss from Theft, Fire or Weather Perils

1. As soon as possible of **You** discovering **Your Pet** is stolen, **You** must tell the appropriate authority and obtain written confirmation of **Your report**. Depending on where **You** live the appropriate authority may be **Your** local Council or the police. If **Your Pet** is microchipped **You** must also contact **Your** microchip provider and **Vet** to advise that **Your Pet** is stolen or missing.
2. No settlement will be made for loss of **Your Pet** by theft until ninety (90) days after the incident is reported to **Us** and then only in the event that **Your Pet** is not recovered.
3. To claim for theft cover the following security requirements must be in place if **Your Pet** is kept outside:
  - a. Single pet or collection of pets insured, valued up to \$1,500; All openings to the enclosures must be protected by closed shackled high tensile steel padlocks.
  - b. Single pet or collection of pets insured, valued between \$1,501 and \$10,000; All openings to the enclosures must be protected by closed shackled high tensile steel padlocks. Enclosures must be constructed to a standard suitable to prevent theft or escape of **Your Pets**. Security lighting must be operational continuously covering the enclosure. Enclosure must be recorded continuously by CCTV including Day & Night Vision and must be powered by wires connected to a mains power system, **We** will require a copy of this in the event of a claim.
  - c. Single pet or collection of pets insured, valued over \$10,001; Please refer to **Your Certificate of Insurance** for security requirements which will apply.
4. To submit a claim for theft or loss **You** must have advertised the loss of **Your Pet** for at least ninety (90) days and when **You** claim **You** must provide **Us** with evidence showing the advertising took place, the pet's original purchase receipt from where **You** bought **Your Pet**, where applicable; **We** will not pay for this information.
5. If **Your Pet** has not been found within ninety (90) days, please fill in a claim form and return it to **Us** as soon as possible.
6. If the claim is paid the purchase receipt will not be returned to **You**.
7. If **Your Pet** is found or returns, **You** must repay the full amount **We** have paid **You**.
8. If the loss or theft happened during **Your Journey** please also send **Us** the booking invoice for **Your Journey** or any other official documentation to show the dates of **Your Journey**.

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

## Section 6 – Loss from Not Returning whilst Flying

Cover under this section applies in **New Zealand** only.

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

### What We Will Pay

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

### What You Pay

The **Excess** shown on **Your Certificate of Insurance**.

### What We Will Not Pay

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

### Special Conditions for Loss from Not Returning whilst Flying

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

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

# Claiming

## Making a claim

It's distressing when a much-loved pet suffers an **Injury** or **Illness** so **We** do all **We** can to make the claims process as quick and easy as possible. There's lots of useful information on **Our** website: [www.petcovergroup.com/nz/claims](http://www.petcovergroup.com/nz/claims) to assist **You** making a claim.

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

## How to claim

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

1. Downloading and completing a claim form from **Our** website: [www.petcovergroup.com/nz/claims](http://www.petcovergroup.com/nz/claims) or
2. Contact **Us** by telephone if **You** would like **Us** to send **You** a claim form; or
3. Claims for **Veterinary Fees** only may be lodged with **Your Vet** (if mutually agreed by **Your Vet**) and **We** will pay the **Veterinary Practice** directly. **You** will need to pay **Your Vet** the applicable **Excess(es)** and any non-claimable items.
4. Claims for **Veterinary Fees** must be notified to **Us** no later than twelve (12) months after the **Treatment** date.
5. **We** will not guarantee on the phone if **We** will pay a claim. **You** must send **Us** a claim form that has been fully completed and **We** will then write to **You** with **Our** decision.
6. Contact **Us** as soon as possible about any incident that happens involving **Injury** to a person, another animal or property even if **You** don't believe a claim will be made against **You** at the time. Call **Us** on 0800 255 426 Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm. Do not admit responsibility, agree to pay any claim or negotiate with any person following an incident that may give rise to a claim. Any writ, summons or legal documents received by **You** need to be sent to **Us** as soon as possible. **You** must not respond to any of these documents.

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

### For Section 1 - Veterinary Fees

**You** will be required to complete a claim form in all instances, and **You** should telephone **Us** on 0800 255 426 or email [info.nz@petcovergroup.com](mailto:info.nz@petcovergroup.com) as soon as possible **You** become aware of a potential claim, or alternatively **You** can download a claim form from **Our** website address. For payment **Your Veterinary Practice/Surgeon** must complete their section of the claim form and substantiate each claim with an invoice and clinical history detailing all **Treatment** administered and drugs prescribed. The completed claim form together with all relevant documentation e.g. **Your Pet's** clinical history should be returned to **Us** within twelve (12) months of the completion of the **Treatment**. If **Your** completed claim form is not returned to **Us** within twelve (12) months, it may affect the validity of **Your** claim or delay renewal terms being offered on **Your** insurance **Policy**. For this section of cover, the **Veterinary Practice** must complete the relevant section of the claim form.

- a. Please send **Us** the original fully itemised invoices from the **Veterinary Practice** which show what **You** are claiming for. (Photocopies of invoices are not acceptable).
- b. When **You** make the first claim for **Your Pet**, **We** will obtain its full clinical history. The full clinical history is a record of all visits **Your Pet** has made to a **Vet** and this information will be obtained from each **Veterinary Practice** **Your Pet** has attended.
- c. Claims for certain **Conditions** may also require additional information about **Your Pet's** full clinical history. **We** will advise **You** if **We** need this once **We** receive **Your** claim form.
- d. For **Veterinary Fees**, if the claim is for **Treatment** in an **Agreed Country**, **You** need to provide the booking invoice for **Your Journey** or any other official documents which show the dates of **Your Journey**.

<p><b>For Section 2 - Advertising and Reward</b></p>	<p><b>You</b> must phone <b>Us</b> on 0800 255 426 and talk to <b>Our</b> claims team, for the approval of any reward before <b>You</b> advertise it.</p> <p>Please send <b>Us</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The original fully itemised invoices and receipts to show the costs involved, including a receipt for any reward paid, and</li> <li>If the loss or theft happened during <b>Your Journey</b>, the booking invoice or another official document to show the dates of <b>Your Journey</b>, and</li> <li>If applicable the police or operator’s report.</li> </ol>
<p><b>For Section 3 - Third Party Liability</b></p>	<p><b>You</b> must contact <b>Our</b> claims team on 0800 255 426 as soon as reasonably possible, for advice if someone is holding <b>You</b> responsible for an <b>Accidental Injury</b> or damage caused by <b>Your Pet</b>. <b>We</b> will send <b>You</b> a claim form to complete.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: do not accept any responsibility or respond to any correspondence whether verbal or written.</p> <p>Please send <b>Us</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Your</b> completed claim form with any detailed written description of the incident, and</li> <li>Any correspondence that <b>You</b> may have received from a third party, this includes court documentation and legal documents.</li> </ol>
<p><b>For Section 4 - Death from Illness &amp; Injury</b></p>	<p>If death cover is included in <b>Your</b> insurance <b>You</b> will be required to complete a claim form in all instances, and should telephone <b>Us</b> on 0800 255 426 or email <a href="mailto:info.nz@petcovergroup.com">info.nz@petcovergroup.com</a> as soon as possible <b>You</b> become aware of a potential claim, or alternatively <b>You</b> can download a claim form from <b>Our</b> website <a href="http://www.petcovergroup.com/nz/make-a-claim">www.petcovergroup.com/nz/make-a-claim</a>. For payment, <b>Your Veterinary Practice/Surgeon</b> must complete their section of the claim form, and <b>You</b> will be required at <b>Your</b> own expense, to support <b>Your</b> claim with either: a death certificate from the attending <b>Vet</b> confirming the death of <b>The Insured Pet</b> and identifying marks or features or, a full written post mortem report (see Section 4, <b>Conditions</b> 1). The completed claim form together with all relevant documentation should be returned to <b>Us</b> within thirty (30) days of original notification of the claim. If <b>Your</b> completed claim form is not returned to <b>Us</b> within thirty (30) days, it may affect the validity of <b>Your</b> claim or delay renewal terms being offered on <b>Your</b> insurance <b>Policy</b> if <b>Your Policy</b> covered more than one pet.</p> <p>Please send <b>Us</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The post mortem or death certificate from <b>Your Vet</b>,</li> <li>The purchase receipt from when <b>You</b> bought <b>Your Pet</b>,</li> </ol>
<p><b>For Section 5 - Theft/Fire/Weather Perils</b></p>	<p>In the event of theft, <b>You</b> should as soon as possible notify the local police of the circumstances surrounding <b>Your</b> loss. In the event of the loss or death of <b>Your Pet</b> from fire or weather perils <b>We</b> may require an independent third party to substantiate the death (i.e. the attending fire officer). <b>You</b> will be required to complete a claim form, and <b>You</b> should therefore telephone <b>Us</b> on 0800 255 426 or email <a href="mailto:claims.nz@petcovergroup.com">claims.nz@petcovergroup.com</a> as soon as possible <b>You</b> become aware of a potential claim.</p> <p>Please send <b>Us</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence of the advertising carried out to try and find <b>Your Pet</b>,</li> <li>The purchase receipt from when <b>You</b> bought <b>Your Pet</b>,</li> </ol>
<p><b>For Section 6 - Not Returning Whilst Flying</b></p>	<p>In the event of the loss of <b>Your Pet</b> from not returning whilst flying, <b>You</b> will be required to complete a claim form, and <b>You</b> should therefore telephone <b>Us</b> on 0800 255 426 or email <a href="mailto:claims.nz@petcovergroup.com">claims.nz@petcovergroup.com</a> as soon as possible after <b>You</b> become aware of a potential claim.</p> <p>Please send <b>Us</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purchase receipt from when <b>You</b> bought <b>Your Pet</b>.</li> </ol>

## Sanctions

**We** will not provide any benefit under this insurance to the extent of providing cover, payment of any claim or the provision of any benefit where doing so would breach any sanction, prohibition or restriction imposed by law or regulation.

## Choice of Law and Jurisdiction

The **Policy** is governed by the laws of **New Zealand**. Any dispute relating to the **Policy** shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of a **New Zealand** Court within the State or Territory in which the **Policy** was issued

## Service of Suit

The **Insurer** agrees that in the event of a dispute arising under this **Policy**, the **Insurer** shall, at **Your** request, submit to the jurisdiction of any competent court in **New Zealand**. Such dispute will be determined according to the law and practice applicable to such court. Any summons, notice or process to be served upon the **Insurer** may be served upon the party identified below who has authority to accept service and enter an appearance on the **Insurer's** behalf and are directed at **Your** request to give a written undertaking to **You** to enter an appearance on behalf of the **Insurer**:

Sovereign Insurance Australia  
3801/3803 Pacific Highway  
Tanah Merah, QLD 4128, Australia

## Language

Unless otherwise agreed in writing the language of **Your Policy** and any communication throughout the duration of the **Policy** will be in English.





We've Got Your Exotic Pet Covered

By Telephone	<b>0800 255 426</b>
By Email	<b>info.nz@petcovergroup.com</b>
In Writing	<b>Petcover Customer Care</b>
PO Box 112250	<b>Penrose Auckland 1642</b>
Website	<b>petcovergroup.com/nz</b>
National Relay Service	<b>nzrelay.co.nz</b>



#### Administrator

Petcover New Zealand Limited (NZBN 9429046576941) is the sole Administrator of the policies acting on behalf of the **Insurer**.

#### The Insurer

The **Insurer** of this **Policy** is Sovereign Insurance Australia Pty Ltd - Australia (ABN 85 138 079 286, AFSL No. AFSL No. 342516) with its registered address at 3801/3803 Pacific Hwy, Tanah Merah, QLD 4128, Australia. Sovereign Insurance Australia Pty Ltd is authorised to carry out insurance business in Australia by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority in accordance with the Insurance Act 1973 (Cth). Please consider the PDS before making a decision to purchase the product. This information does not take into account **Your** objectives, financial situation or needs and does not constitute any form of financial advice or recommendation.

The **Insurer** is regulated by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority ("APRA"). Sovereign Insurance Australia Pty Ltd is not currently licensed to carry on insurance business in New Zealand and is not regulated by New Zealand prudential supervision laws or within the prudential supervision of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand.

An overseas **Policyholder** preference applies. Under Australian law, if Sovereign Insurance Australia Pty Ltd is wound up, its assets in Australia must be applied to its Australian liabilities before they can be applied to overseas liabilities. To this extent, New Zealand **Policyholders** may not be able to rely on Sovereign Insurance Australia Pty Ltd assets to satisfy New Zealand liabilities.

