

**GREEN PET INSURANCE IN ASSOCIATION WITH ULTIMATE PET PARTNERS**

**POLICY DOCUMENT – FOR POLICIES PREFIXED WITH SCHEME LETTERS/ /UIC**

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**ACCIDENT ONLY, STANDARD, ANNUAL LIFETIME EXTRA, LIFETIME PLUS AND ULTIMATE LIFETIME PLUS  
COVERS**

**POLICY WORDING**

**This is Your Policy Document**

This document explains exactly what cover is provided and contains the terms and conditions of *Your* policy. This document, together with *Your* application for cover and *Schedule* forms the policy and should be read as one document. The *Schedule* contains information about *You*, *Your Pet*, the period of cover and the premium. *We* have included all the various cover levels *We* offer within this one policy document. *You* only need to read the parts relevant to the cover *You* have selected. Please look at *Your Schedule* to confirm what level of cover *You* have selected. If *You* are unsure, please contact *Ultimate*.

This policy provides cover for the cost of *Veterinary Fees* if *Your Pet* suffers from a sudden and unexpected *Injury or Illness (Illness cover not applicable for Accident Only Cover)* together with other benefits, depending on cover selected. *You* are entitled to use the services of any registered veterinary practitioner in the UK, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and Ministry of Defence overseas bases located in EEA territories, including MOD Sovereign Base Areas (SBA). *Veterinary Fees* are defined in Sections 1 & 2 of this document and may be subject to stated limits, *Excesses* and applicable *Waiting Periods*.

This policy is a fixed-term contract of insurance not a continuous permanent health policy. It provides cover for *Your Pet* while *You*, or anyone acting with *Your* permission, is looking after it. *We* will only provide cover once *Ultimate Pet Partners*, the administrator of this policy, have accepted a completed application and issued a *Schedule* on *Our* behalf. *Your Pet* will remain insured as long as *You* pay the correct premium.

It is up to *You* to ensure that the cover *You* have selected is appropriate for *Your* needs. *We* cannot advise *You* on whether this policy meets *Your* personal objectives, financial situation or needs. If *You* have any questions regarding this policy or *You* would like to make changes or additions to this cover, please contact *Ultimate* on 0845 6042308.

*You* have informed *Us* that *Your Pet* is in perfect health as at the *Commencement Date* and does not have any *Illness* or *Injury*, except for those which have been notified to and accepted by *Us* in writing.

*You* must tell *Us* as soon as possible of any changes which may affect the cover provided and which have occurred since the cover started. If *You* do not inform *Us* of any changes, this policy may become invalid and may not provide the cover *You* require.

This policy does not cover every circumstance or expense and *We* have some exclusions that help keep premiums low. A list of the exclusions applicable to each section is included after each section, and a list of general exclusions, which apply to all sections of cover can be found in Section 14 of this document.

During the *Policy Period*, in return for payment of the correct premium, *We* will provide insurance for the *Pet* named on the *Schedule* for the *Benefit Limits* noted on the *Schedule* as per the policy terms and conditions as set out in this document.

Signed for and on behalf of the Insurer



**Stuart Brown  
Underwriting Director**



**In conjunction with:**



Cover	Accident Only	Standard	Annual Lifetime Extra	Lifetime Plus	Ultimate Lifetime Plus
<b>Maximum Benefit Limits:</b>					
<b>Section 2. Veterinary Fees:</b>					
• <i>Benefit Limit Per Condition Per Policy Period:</i>	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000	£7,000	£6,000
• <i>Lifetime Condition Limit:</i>	£10,000	£2,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
• <i>Annual Policy Limit (i.e. total annual amount for all conditions):</i>	N/A	N/A	£20,000	£7,000	N/A
<i>Complementary Medicine*:</i>	£500	£500	£500	£500	£500
<i>Special Diet*:</i>	N/A	£100	£100	£100	£100
<i>Dentistry:</i>	£500	£1000	£1000	£1000	£2000
<i>Veterinary Fees Excess (Per Condition Per Year****):</i>	£60***	£60***	£60***	£60***	£60***
<b>Section 3. Death of Pet from Accident or Illness**:</b>	N/A	£750	£1,000	£1,000	£1,500
<b>Section 4. Emergency Boarding Kennel/Cattery:</b>	N/A	£750	£750	£750	£1,000
<b>Section 5. Holiday Cancellation:</b>	N/A	£750	£1,000	£1,000	£1,500
<b>Section 6. Loss by Theft or Straying:</b>	N/A	£750	£750	£1,000	£1,500
<b>Section 6. Advertising and Reward:</b>	N/A	£250	£500	£500	£1,000
<b>Section 7. Accidental Damage:</b>	N/A	N/A	£250	£250	£750
<b>Section 8. Public Liability:</b>	£1,000,000	£1,500,000	£1,500,000	£1,500,000	£1,500,000
<i>Public Liability Excess:</i>	£100	£250	£250	£250	£250
<b>Section 9. Personal Accident:</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£300
<b>Section 10. Overseas Travel:</b>					
• <i>Emergency Vet Treatment</i>	N/A	£1,000	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
• <i>Quarantine Costs</i>	N/A	£500	£500	£500	£750
• <i>Loss of Pets passports/assoc. quarantine costs</i>	N/A	£250	£250	£250	£250

#### COVER SUMMARY OF APPLICABLE BENEFITS

##### Important Notes:

\* For the avoidance of doubt, please note that the *Benefit Limit*, for *Complementary Medicine* and *Special Diet* is included within the maximum *Veterinary Fees Benefit Limit* as per the cover *You* have selected.

\*\* A one off payment up to the maximum *Benefit Limit* upon the *Death of Your Pet*.

\*\*\* Please note that, if your pet is aged 8 or over, you will have to pay 15% towards each claim for *Veterinary Fees*, *Special Diet* and *Complementary Medicine*. This is in addition to the applicable standard excess.

\*\*\*\* *Veterinary Fees Excess (Per Condition Per Year\*\*\*\*)*: for Our **Accident Only**, **Annual Lifetime Extra**, **Lifetime Plus** and **Ultimate Lifetime Plus**. For our **Standard** policy the excess per condition only.

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**SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS**

When interpreting this policy:

- references to the singular include the plural and vice versa, and to the masculine include the feminine and vice versa
- monetary references are to UK pounds sterling.
- certain words and expressions used in this policy have a specific meaning.

The following words will have the meanings described below wherever they appear in this document.

*Accident* means a sudden, unforeseen, and unintended event causing *Injury* to *Your Pet*.

*Aggregate* means the maximum amount of claims that *We* will pay for all losses during a specific period of time, no matter how many separate claims may occur, be that the *Policy Period* or per Lifetime of *Your Pet* or per condition, and is dependent on the cover *You* have selected.

*Benefit Limits* will have the following meanings, wherever they appear in *Your Policy*, depending on the cover *You* have selected:

- For *Our Accident Only* Cover, the *Benefit Limit* means the amount *We* will pay for a single *Injury* or *Condition* as a result of an *Accident* or *Injury* to *Your Pet*, subject to an aggregate claims limit of £10,000 per *Injury* or *Condition*, for the lifetime of *Your Pet* as shown in *Your Schedule*. If *You* stop making premium payments to *Us* then cover will cease otherwise the *Benefit Limit* will automatically renew at each *Policy Period* and for any future *Policy Period* providing *You* have paid *Your* renewal premium subject always to the aggregate claims limit of £10,000 per *Injury* or *Condition* for the lifetime of *Your Pet*.
- For *Our Standard* Cover, the *Benefit Limit* means the maximum amount *We* will pay for a single *Condition*, a *Recurring Condition* or a *Chronic Condition* for the lifetime of *Your Pet* as shown in *Your Schedule*. Once this maximum amount has been paid, *We* will not pay for any further *Treatment* of that *Condition* during the remainder of the *Policy Period* or for any future *Policy Period*. Payments shall in any event be limited to 365 days from the date the *Condition* first manifested, subject to renewal. If *You* stop making premium payments to *Us* then cover for any ongoing *Conditions* will cease.
- For *Our Annual Lifetime Extra* Cover, the *Benefit Limit* means the maximum amount *We* will pay for a single *Condition*, a *Recurring Condition* or a *Chronic Condition* suffered by *Your Pet* as shown on *Your Schedule*, subject to an aggregate claims limit of **£20,000**, for all claims made during the *Policy Period*. If *You* stop making premium payments to *Us* then cover will cease otherwise the *Benefit Limit* will automatically renew at each *Policy Period* and any future *Policy Period* providing *You* have paid *Your* renewal premium, subject always to the aggregate claims limit applicable to *Your* policy
- For *Our Lifetime Plus* Cover, the *Benefit Limit* means the maximum amount *We* will pay for all claims per *Policy Period*, as shown in *Your Schedule*. Once this maximum amount has been paid, *We* will not pay for any further claims under *Veterinary fees* during the remainder of the

current *Policy Period*. If *You* stop making premium payments to *Us* then cover will cease otherwise the *Benefit Limit* will automatically renew at each *Policy Period* and any future *Policy Period* providing *You* have paid *Your* renewal premium.

- For *Our Ultimate Lifetime Plus Cover*, the *Benefit Limit* means the maximum amount *We* will pay for a single *Condition*, a Recurring *Condition* or a Chronic *Condition* suffered by *Your Pet* subject to the maximum *Benefit Limit* amount as shown in *Your schedule per Policy Period*. If *You* stop making premium payments to *Us* then cover will cease otherwise the *Benefit Limit* will automatically renew at each *Policy Period* and any future *Policy Period* providing *You* have paid *Your* renewal premium.

If *You* transfer *Your Pet* to a plan with additional or higher *Benefit Limits*, the additional or higher *Benefit Limits* will not apply if the *Condition* being claimed first manifested itself during a previous *Policy Period*.

*Bilateral Condition* means any *Condition* affecting body parts of which *Your Pet* has two, one each side of the body (e.g. ears, eyes, knees, cruciate ligaments). When applying a *Benefit Limit* or exclusion, *Bilateral Conditions* are considered as one *Condition*.

*Chronic Condition (All covers except Accident Only Cover)* means a *Condition* which, once developed, is deemed incurable or is likely to continue for the remainder of *Your Pet's* life.

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

*Complementary Medicine* means physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, acupuncture, homeopathic or herbal medicines administered by a suitably qualified practitioner following a recommendation from a qualified *Vet*. The following practitioners are considered to be suitably qualified: Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Animal Therapy/ National Association of Veterinary Physiotherapists, The International Association of Animal Therapists, Canine Hydrotherapy Association International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS) and the Association of British Veterinary Acupuncturists (ABVA).

*Commencement Date* means the date and time when cover first starts as noted in the *Schedule*.

*Condition (All covers except Accident Only Cover)* means any *Injury* sustained during, or resulting from, a single *Accident* or any manifestation of an *Illness* having the same diagnostic classification or resulting from the same disease process regardless of the number of incidents or areas of *Your Pet's* body affected. Please note for *Our Accident Only* policy, the definition of *Condition* is amended to read as follows;

*Condition (Accident Only Cover)* means any *Injury* sustained during, or resulting from, a single *Accident*

*End Date* means the date on which this policy ends, which will be the earliest of the following:

- the date *Your Pet* dies; or
- the expiry of the current *Policy Period*:
  - if *You* fail to renew this policy; and/or
  - *We* choose not to renew this policy for whatever reason; or
- the date *You* fail to pay the premium; or
- the date *You* cancel this policy; or
- the date *We* cancel this policy for whatever reason

*Excess (All covers except Accident Only and Standard Covers)* means the amount shown in the *Schedule* that is deducted from *Your* benefit for each *Illness* or accidental *Injury Condition* treated during each 12 month *Period* starting on the *Commencement Date* and that is not related to any other *Illness* or accidental *Injury Condition* treated during the same *Policy Period*.

*Excess (Standard Covers only cover)* means the amount shown in the *Schedule* that is deducted from *Your* benefit for each *Illness* or accidental *Injury Condition* treated during each 12 month *Period* starting on the *Commencement Date* and that is not related to any other *Illness* or accidental *Injury Condition* treated during the same *Policy Period*.

*Excess (Accident Only Cover )* means the amount shown in the *Schedule* that is deducted from *Your* benefit for each *Condition* starting on the *Commencement Date* and that is not related to any other *Condition* treated during the same *Policy Period*.

*Holiday* means a *Holiday* or pleasure trip made by *You* outside the United Kingdom, which commences and ends in the United Kingdom. Please note that for Section 10, the definition of *Holiday* is expanded to include *Your Pet* accompanying *You on Holiday*, however cover is restricted to travelling with *Your Pet* in European Union member countries which are included in the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) only.

*Illness* means sickness, disease, infection or any change in *Your Pet's* normal healthy state which is not caused by *Injury*.

*Immediate Family* means *Your* parent, brother, sister, son, daughter, spouse, life partner or civil partner.

*Injury* means damage to one or more parts of *Your Pet's* body as a result of one accidental cause.

*Market value* means the price usually paid for a *Pet* of the same age, breed, pedigree sex and breeding ability at the time a claim is made under this insurance.

*Pet* means a dog or cat covered under this policy and named and described in *Your Schedule*.

*Policy Period* means the continuous 12 months period, effective from the *Commencement Date*, for which *We* have agreed to provide cover and for which *You* have paid the relevant premium.

*Pre-existing Condition* means:

- any *Condition*, symptom or sign of a *Condition* occurring or existing in any form prior to the *Commencement Date*; or
- any *Illness*, symptom or sign of an *Illness* occurring or existing in any form during the *Waiting Period*

*Proposal Form* means *Your* on-line application for this Pet Insurance.

*Recurring Condition (All covers except Accident Only Cover)* means a *Condition* that is curable but may recur.

*Schedule* means the document which contains important information about *You* and this policy and forms part of the policy document.

*Skin Condition (All covers except Accident Only Cover)* means any diagnosed *Condition* regardless of the cause or origin presenting in or affecting the skin (as an organ) in any way whatsoever.

*Treatment* means any consultation, examination, advice, tests, x-rays, slides, ultrasound and MRI, medication, surgery or nursing care provided by a veterinary practice or qualified practitioner recommended by a *Vet*.

*Ultimate* means *Ultimate Pet Partners*, who on behalf of Ultimate Insurance Company Limited are the administrator for all sections of this policy and whose registered office is situated at 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, The Connect Centre, Kingston Crescent, North End, Portsmouth, PO2 8DE Company Registration number 06740793, and who can be contacted on 0845 604 2308 and/or [green@ultimateservices.co.uk](mailto:green@ultimateservices.co.uk). Ultimate Pet Partners Limited is an appointed representative of Ultimate Insurance Solutions Limited, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

*Vet* means a Registered Veterinary Surgeon.

*Veterinary Fees* means reasonable, customary and essential fees typically charged by a *Vet* in the provision of *Treatment*. Please see Section 2 for more details.

*Waiting Period (All covers except Accident Only Cover)* means a period of 14 days starting from the *Commencement Date* of the initial *Policy Period* during which an *Illness* occurs or shows *Clinical Signs* will be excluded from cover unless otherwise agreed by *Us* and noted on the *Schedule*.

*We, Our, Us* means Ultimate Insurance Company Limited whose registered office is situated at Suite 913, Europort, Gibraltar. Home State; Gibraltar and is registered in Gibraltar under company registration number 103362 .

*Your Vet* means the *Vet* or veterinary practice *You* employ to carry out *Your Pet's Treatment*.

*You, Your* means the person named as the policy owner on the *Schedule*.

All defined terms appear in italics throughout this document

## SECTION 2A – VETERINARY FEES: (ACCIDENT ONLY COVER)

### 2A.1 Cover

*We* will pay the claim amount, for normal and customary *Veterinary Fees* up to the maximum *Benefit Limit* of £2,000 for *Treatment*, and/or for *Complementary Medicine* up to a maximum *Benefit Limit* of £500 per claim, following *Your Pet* being involved in an *Accident* and/or suffering an *Injury*. The *Benefit Limit* is applied separately to every unrelated *Injury* or *Condition* claimed for as per the cover *You* have selected as follows;

- For *Our Accident Only Cover*, *Benefit Limit* means the amount *We* will pay for a single *Injury* or *Condition* as a result of an *Accident* or *Injury* to *Your Pet*, subject to an aggregate claims limit of £10,000 per *Injury* or *Condition*, for the lifetime of *Your Pet* as shown in *Your Schedule*. If *You* stop making premium payments to *Us* then cover will cease otherwise the *Benefit Limit* will automatically renew at each *Policy Period* and for any future *Policy Period* providing *You* have paid *Your* renewal premium subject always to the aggregate claims limit of £10,000 per *Injury* or *Condition* for the lifetime of *Your Pet*.

For the avoidance of doubt, please note that the *Benefit Limit* for *Complementary Medicine*, as shown on *Your Schedule*, is included within the maximum *Benefit Limit* amount of £2,000.

**If total *Veterinary Fees* appear likely to exceed £1,000 *You* must tell *Ultimate* immediately for pre-authorization as *We* may wish to obtain a second opinion from *Our* veterinary advisor.**

### 2A.2 Level of *Veterinary Fees* allowed

*We* reserve the right to obtain a second opinion from *Our* veterinary advisor where *We* consider:

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

Where there is a dispute *We* will pay only those *Veterinary Fees* deemed normal and customary by *Our* veterinary advisor. *We* reserve the right to only pay up to a 100% mark-up on veterinary medicines.

### 2A.3 Advice Line

*We* are delighted to include an Advice Line service, provided by Vetadviceline, for those times when taking *Your Pet* to *Your* normal *Vet* is not possible or practical - *You* may contact Vetadviceline's veterinary nurses at any time, who will give *You* advice about *Your Pet's* health and welfare. This service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

**Vetadviceline's telephone number is 0844 445 7453**

### 2A.4 Exclusions

The following are excluded from cover:

- 2A.4.1 Any *Illness*.
- 2A.4.2 Any claim in excess of £500 relating to Cruciate Ligament as a result of an *Injury*.
- 2A.4.3 Costs resulting from an *Injury* or *Condition* that;
  - 2A.4.3.1 is the same as or has the same diagnosis or *Clinical Signs* as an *Injury* or *Condition* *Your Pet* had before the *Commencement Date*;
  - 2A.4.3.2 is caused by, relates to or results from an *Injury* or *Condition* *Your Pet* had before the *Commencement Date*.
- 2A.4.4 Costs resulting from or related to any excluded *Condition* as shown in the *Schedule*;
- 2A.4.5 Costs for cosmetic *Treatment*, elective *Treatment*, routine *Treatment* or preventative *Treatment* recommended by a *Vet* to prevent an *Injury*. This is not limited to but includes vaccination, spaying, castration, Cryptorchidism (retained testes), grooming, nail clipping, breeding, whelping, kitting, bathing, dematting, killing and controlling fleas and worms, spaying to prevent the re-occurrence of false pregnancy and any claims as a result of these procedures unless specifically noted on the *Schedule*;
- 2A.4.6 Any dental or gum *Treatment*, unless required as a direct result of an *Accident* or *Injury* to *Your Pet* and limited to £500 per *Policy Period*;
- 2A.4.7 *Treatment* received by *Your Pet* after the *End Date*;
- 2A.4.8 The cost of any *Treatment* if a claim has not been submitted within 90 days of the first date *Your Pet* received *Treatment*;
- 2A.4.9 The cost of any *Treatment* for behavioural problems or for any *Conditions* arising as a result of the same;
- 2A.4.10 Services at emergency clinics are included, but the additional cost incurred as a result of an out-of-hours consultation fee (over and above that of a normal *Vet* consultation fee) will only be covered if it is deemed by *Us* that *Your Pet* required such attention to alleviate acute pain, suffering or was at risk of a life-endangering condition;
- 2A.4.11 Costs of putting *Your Pet* to sleep, cremation and disposal, including post mortem costs, coffins or caskets;
- 2A.4.12 Costs which are not supported by an original receipt or invoice itemising the *Treatment* costs incurred;

- 2A.4.13 Costs for *Treatment of Conditions* arising from *Your Pet* being overweight.
- 2A.4.14 Any costs associated with routine or investigative laboratory tests or procedures unless the *Clinical Signs* /symptoms exist and the tests and procedures are to diagnose a specific *Condition*;
- 2A.4.15 Extra fees on external laboratory fees. *We* will only pay the external fee plus up to £20 for post and packaging and interpretation;
- 2A.4.16 Any charges made by *Your Vet* for a prescription charge for obtaining medication elsewhere;
- 2A.4.17 Any cost of pheromone products, including DAP diffusers and Feliway and/or similar feline facial pheromone products used in either a spray or an electric diffuser format;
- 2A.4.18 Continuation claims unless *You* have paid the required premiums to keep *Your* policy in force;
- 2A.4.19 Any payment due to *You* where *You* have failed to pay the relevant premium due to *Us* or *You* cancel *Your* Policy before an outstanding claims payment is made. Please note *We* will not be liable to pay any outstanding claims in these circumstances;
- 2A.4.20 Costs resulting from an *Accident* that occurred within any applicable *Waiting Period* if this has been applied to *Your* Policy.
- 2A.4.21 The *Excess* applicable to this section of cover.

Please note that, if your pet is aged 8 or over, you will have to pay 15% towards each claim for Veterinary Fees , Special Diet and Complementary Medicine. This is in addition to the applicable standard excess.

## SECTION 2B – VETERINARY FEES:

### (STANDARD, ANNUAL LIFETIME EXTRA, LIFETIME PLUS, ULTIMATE LIFETIME PLUS COVERS)

#### 2B.1 Cover

*We* will pay the claim amount, for normal and customary *Veterinary Fees* up to the maximum *Benefit Limit* as noted on *Your schedule*. The *Benefit Limit* is applied separately to every unrelated *Injury, Illness* or *Condition* claimed for as per the cover *You* have selected as follows;

- For *Our Standard* Cover, the *Benefit Limit* means the maximum amount *We* will pay for a single *Condition*, a *Recurring Condition* or a *Chronic Condition* for the lifetime of *Your Pet* as shown in *Your Schedule*. Once this maximum amount has been paid, *We* will not pay for any further *Treatment* of that *Condition* during the remainder of the *Policy Period* or for any future *Policy Period*. Payments shall in any event be limited to 365 days from the date the *Condition* first manifested, subject to renewal. If *You* stop making premium payments to *Us* then cover for any ongoing *Conditions* will cease.
- For *Our Annual Lifetime Extra* Cover, the *Benefit Limit* means the maximum amount *We* will pay for a single *Condition*, a *Recurring Condition* or a *Chronic Condition* suffered by *Your Pet* as shown on *Your Schedule*, subject to an aggregate claims limit of **£20,000**, for all claims made during the *Policy Period*. If *You* stop making premium payments to *Us* then cover will cease otherwise the *Benefit Limit* will automatically renew at each *Policy Period* and any future *Policy*

*Period* providing *You* have paid *Your* renewal premium, subject always to the aggregate claims limit applicable to *Your* policy

- For *Our Lifetime Plus* Cover, the *Benefit Limit* means the maximum amount *We* will pay for all claims per *Policy Period*, as shown in *Your Schedule*. Once this maximum amount has been paid, *We* will not pay for any further claims under *Veterinary fees* during the remainder of the current *Policy Period*. If *You* stop making premium payments to *Us* then cover will cease otherwise the *Benefit Limit* will automatically renew at each *Policy Period* and any future *Policy Period* providing *You* have paid *Your* renewal premium.
- For *Our Ultimate Lifetime Plus* Cover, the *Benefit Limit* means the maximum amount *We* will pay for a single *Condition*, a *Recurring Condition* or a *Chronic Condition* suffered by *Your Pet* subject to the maximum *Benefit Limit* amount as shown in *Your schedule* per *Policy Period*. If *You* stop making premium payments to *Us* then cover will cease otherwise the *Benefit Limit* will automatically renew at each *Policy Period* and any future *Policy Period* providing *You* have paid *Your* renewal premium.

If *You* transfer *Your Pet* to a plan with additional or higher *Benefit Limits*, the additional or higher *Benefit Limits* will not apply if the *Condition* being claimed first manifested itself during a previous *Policy Period*.

**If total Veterinary Fees appear likely to exceed £1,000 You must tell *Ultimate* immediately for pre- authorisation as *We* may wish to obtain a second opinion from *Our* veterinary advisor.**

#### 2B.2 Level of Veterinary Fees allowed

*We* reserve the right to obtain a second opinion from *Our* veterinary advisor where *We* consider:

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

Where there is a dispute *We* will pay only those *Veterinary Fees* deemed normal and customary by *Our* veterinary advisor. *We* reserve the right to only pay up to a 100% mark-up on veterinary medicines.

#### 2B.3 Special Diet

*We* will contribute to the cost of *Your Pet's* prescription food, up to a maximum of £100 per *Policy Period* (*Benefit Limit*), as long as it is prescribed by *Your Vet* and can only be brought from a veterinary surgery or online pharmacy and it is to dissolve bladder stones or crystals in urine and for no other purpose. *We* will deduct 53p a tin and £1.00 per kilo as *Your* normal feeding costs for *Your Pet*. *We* will not be liable for any other dietary costs under this policy. The maximum *Benefit Limit* that *We* will pay for Special Diet is the *Benefit Limit* shown in *Your Schedule* for up to 60 days per *Policy Period*. Please note any Special Diet payment for bladder stones or crystals in urine will cease once these are dissolved, *We* will not continue to pay as a preventative measure to stop the stones re-occurring.

#### 2B.4 Advice Line

*We* are delighted to include an Advice Line service, provided by Vetadviceline, for those times when taking *Your Pet* to *Your* normal *Vet* is not possible or practical - *You* may contact Vetadviceline's veterinary nurses at any time, who will give *You* advice about *Your Pet's* health and welfare. This service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

VetadviceLine's telephone number is 0844 445 7453

## 2B.5 Exclusions

The following are excluded from cover:

- 2B.5.1 Costs resulting from an *Illness* that first showed *Clinical Signs* before the *Commencement Date* or within the *Waiting Period* of the *Commencement Date*.
  - 2B.5.2 Costs resulting from an *Illness* or *Injury* that;
    - 2B.5.2.1 is the same as or has the same diagnosis or *Clinical Signs* as an *Injury*, *Illness* or *Clinical Signs* *Your Pet* had before the *Commencement Date*;
    - 2B.5.2.2 is caused by, relates to or results from an *Injury*, *Illness* or *Clinical Signs* *Your Pet* had before *Commencement Date*.
- Please note if *Your Pet* first showed any *Clinical Signs*; or *Illness*; or was diagnosed with a *Condition* during the *Waiting Period* or prior to the *Commencement Date*, We reserve the right to apply an exclusion to *Your Policy* in respect of this *Illness* or *Condition*.**
- 2B.5.3 Costs resulting from or related to any excluded *Condition* as shown in the *Schedule*;
  - 2B.5.5 Costs for cosmetic *Treatment*, elective *Treatment*, routine *Treatment* or preventative *Treatment* recommended by a *Vet* to prevent an *Injury* or *Illness*. This is not limited to but includes vaccination, spaying, castration, Cryptorchidism (retained testes), grooming, nail clipping, breeding, whelping, kitting, bathing, dematting, killing and controlling fleas and worms, spaying to prevent the re-occurrence of false pregnancy and any claims as a result of these procedures unless specifically noted on the *Schedule*;
  - 2B.5.6 Any dental or gum *Treatment*, unless required as a direct result of an *Accident* or *Injury* to *Your Pet* and limited to £1,000 for **Standard**, **Annual Lifetime Extra** and **Lifetime Plus Covers** and limited to £2,000 for **Ultimate Lifetime Plus Cover**;
  - 2B.5.7 Any dental or gum *Treatment* as a direct result of an *Illness*.
  - 2B.5.8 *Treatment* received by *Your Pet* after the *End Date*;
  - 2B.5.9 The cost of any *Treatment* if a claim has not been submitted within 90 days of the first date *Your Pet* received *Treatment*;
  - 2B.5.10 The cost of any *Treatment* for behavioural problems or for any *Conditions* arising as a result of the same;
  - 2B.5.11 Any costs for house visits or out-of-hours calls will not be covered unless it is deemed by *Us* that *Your Pet* requires such attention to alleviate acute pain, suffering or was at risk of a life-endangering *Condition*. *Your* personal circumstances will not be covered;
  - 2B.5.12 Costs of putting *Your Pet* to sleep, cremation and disposal, including post mortem costs, coffins or caskets;

- 2B.5.13 Costs which are not supported by an original receipt or invoice itemising the *Treatment* costs incurred;
- 2B.5.14 Costs for *Treatment of Conditions* arising from *Your Pet* being overweight, except weight gain as a result of a diagnosed *Illness*;
- 2B.5.15 The cost of any diet food, even if prescribed, other than those detailed at 2B.3;
- 2B.5.16 Any costs associated with routine or investigative laboratory tests or procedures unless the *Clinical Signs* /symptoms exist and the tests and procedures are to diagnose a specific *Condition*;
- 2B.5.17 Extra fees on external laboratory fees. We will only pay the external fee plus up to £20 for post and packaging and interpretation;
- 2B.5.18 Any charges made by *Your Vet* for a prescription charge for obtaining medication elsewhere;
- 2B.5.19 Any cost of pheromone products, including DAP diffusers and Feliway and/or similar feline facial pheromone products used in either a spray or an electric diffuser format;
- 2B.5.20 Continuation claims unless *You* have paid the required premiums to keep *Your* policy in force;
- 2B.5.21 Any payment due to *You* where *You* have failed to pay the relevant premium due to *Us* or *You* cancel *Your* Policy before an outstanding claims payment is made. Please note *We* will not be liable to pay any outstanding claims in these circumstances;
- 2B.5.22 The *Excess* applicable to this section of cover.

Please note that, if your pet is aged 8 or over, you will have to pay 15% towards each claim for Veterinary Fees, Special Diet and Complementary Medicine. This is in addition to the applicable standard excess.

## SECTION 3 - DEATH OF DOG OR CAT FROM ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS: (STANDARD, ANNUAL LIFETIME EXTRA, LIFETIME PLUS, ULTIMATE LIFETIME PLUS COVERS)

### 3.1 Cover

We will pay the *Market Value*, the price paid or the amount shown in the *Schedule* (whichever is the lesser) if *Your Pet* dies during the *Policy Period* or is put down for humane reasons because of *Injury* or *Illness* that happened or started during the *Policy Period*. The death must occur during the same *Policy Period* as the *Accident* or *Illness*. *You* must advise *Ultimate* as soon as possible in writing of the *Accident* or *Illness*, but not later than 30 days after *Your Pet* is put down.

### 3.2 Exclusions

The following are excluded from cover:

- 3.2.1 Euthanasia due to any act of any legal or legislative authority for any reason whatsoever, including any order made in respect of a 'notifiable' disease;
- 3.2.2 Euthanasia due to behavioural problems or for fiscal reasons;

- 3.2.3 Death during or after a surgical operation or a general anaesthetic unless a qualified Vet certifies that it was necessary because of *Injury* or *Illness*;
- 3.2.4 Death due to *Illness* of any dog or cat aged 8 years or over at the *Commencement Date* or any renewal period;
- 3.2.5 Any death resulting from breeding, pregnancy or giving birth;
- 3.2.6 Any claim if the death has been a result of preventative, routine or elective *Treatment/* procedure. See Vets fees;
- 3.2.7 Any death caused by an *Illness/Clinical Signs* first noticed before the *Commencement Date* or within the first 14 days of the policy *Commencement Date (Waiting Period)*.

### 3.3 Specific Conditions Applicable to Sections 2B and 3B

- 3.3.1 If *Your Pet* dies, *You* must arrange and pay for a qualified Vet to certify the cause of death and, at *Your* own expense, to conduct a post-mortem examination if *We* require one.
- 3.3.2 In determining the value of *Your Pet*, *We* will take into account the age, sex, breed and whether *Your Pet* is a registered pedigree. However, please note payment is limited up to 50% of the settlement amount due in respect of a *Pet* aged 6 years or older.

### SECTION 4 – EMERGENCY BOARDING KENNEL/CATTERY FEES: (STANDARD, ANNUAL LIFETIME EXTRA, LIFETIME PLUS, ULTIMATE LIFETIME PLUS COVERS)

#### 4.1 Cover

*We* will pay, up to the *Benefit Limit* as noted in the *Schedule*, for the cost of boarding *Your Pet* for the duration that *You* are registered as an in-patient of a hospital provided *You* suffer:

- 4.1.1 any bodily *Injury*, sickness or disease and *You* are in hospital for longer than 4 consecutive days during the *Policy Period*; and
- 4.1.2 there is no other responsible person who can care for *Your Pet*. *You* must board *Your Pet* at a licensed kennel or cattery or place it in the care of a professional home carer.

The maximum *Benefit Limit* that *We* will pay for Emergency Kennel/ Cattery Fees is the *Benefit Limit* shown in *Your Schedule*.

#### 4.2 Exclusions

The following are excluded from cover:

- 4.2.1 Any claims by *You* for:
  - 4.2.1.1 any hospitalisation that could reasonably have been expected or foreseen when *You* took out or renewed this policy and any potentially recurring medical *Condition* *You* or *Your* partner already have;
  - 4.2.1.2 any costs resulting from *You* or *Your* partner being pregnant, giving birth or any treatment that is not as a result of an *Injury* or *Illness*.
- 4.2.2 Any claim by *You* for:-
  - 4.2.2.1 costs as a result of any hospital stay that was not on the advice of a doctor, specialist or consultant;

- 4.2.2.2 costs as a result of nursing-home care or convalescence care that *You* do not receive in hospital;
- 4.2.2.3 costs as a result of *You* being hospitalised for alcoholism, drug abuse, attempted suicide or self inflicted injuries;
- 4.2.2.4 Any amount if the boarding kennels/cattery/ *Pet* minding business are not licensed.
- 4.2.3 Any claim if:
  - 4.2.3.1 *We* do not receive original receipts from the boarding kennel or cattery identifying the name of *Your Pet*, the owner's name and address, the date *Your Pet* was cared for by the kennel or cattery and the amounts charged for each day;
  - 4.2.3.2 *We* do not receive a medical certificate from the hospital *You* attended showing *Your* name, address and the dates of the hospital confinement.

### SECTION 5 - HOLIDAY CANCELLATION COVER: (STANDARD, ANNUAL LIFETIME EXTRA, LIFETIME PLUS, ULTIMATE LIFETIME PLUS COVERS)

#### 5.1 Cover

*We* will pay up to a maximum amount of the *Benefit Limit* specified in the *Schedule* for reasonable travel and accommodation expenses incurred by *You* if *You* have to cancel or cut short *Your Holiday* because *Your Pet* needs immediate life saving surgery while *You* are away or up to 14 days before *You* leave. *You* must, at *Your* own expense, provide *Us* with receipts showing the dates and costs *You* had to pay because of cancelling or cutting short *Your Holiday* from the travel company, tour operator or other similar party.

The maximum *Benefit Limit* that *We* will pay for *Holiday* Cancellation Cover is the *Benefit Limit* shown in *Your Schedule*.

#### 5.2 Exclusions

The following are excluded from cover:

- 5.2.1 any *Holiday* costs where the *Holiday* was booked less than 28 days before *You* leave;
- 5.2.2 the amount *You* can claim back from anywhere else;
- 5.2.3 any extra costs incurred because *You* delayed letting the company providing *Your* transport and accommodation know *You* had to cancel;
- 5.2.4 any costs for anyone else that is on *Holiday* with *You*;
- 5.2.5 surgery for non life-saving operations.

**SECTION 6 - LOSS BY THEFT OR STRAYING:  
(STANDARD, ANNUAL LIFETIME EXTRA, LIFETIME PLUS, ULTIMATE LIFETIME PLUS COVERS)**

- 6.1 Cover**  
We will pay, up to the *Benefit Limit* as noted in the *Schedule*, the *Market Value* or the purchase price paid by *You*, (whichever is the lesser), if *Your Pet* is not found within 45 days of straying or being stolen. *Your Pet* must have disappeared from *Your* address or any other place as may be noted in the *Proposal Form* or in any endorsement. *You* must report the loss of *Your Pet* to at least one rescue centre in the case of a cat and in the case of a dog, a dog warden.
- We will pay an additional amount, as noted on *Your Schedule*, to cover the cost of advertising for *Your* lost *Pet* and/or paying a reward which leads to getting *Your Pet* back, provided that *You* first obtain *Ultimate's* written agreement.
- 6.2 Exclusions**
- 6.2.1 Theft which does not involve forcible and violent entry to a secure area, such as a pen or *Your* home;
- 6.2.2 Any reward to a member of *Your* family, to any person known to *You*, or to the person who was caring for *Your Pet* at the time of the incident;
- 6.2.3 Any claim where *You* or the person looking after *Your Pet* has voluntarily parted with it, even if tricked into parting with it by a third party, or in circumstances where the *Pet's* loss would not be deemed to have been stolen i.e. abandoned deliberately.
- 6.3 Specific Conditions**
- 6.3.1 In determining the value of *Your Pet*, *We* will take into account the age, sex, breed and whether *Your Pet* is a registered pedigree. However, please note payment is limited up to 50% of the settlement amount due in respect of a *Pet* aged 6 years or older.

**SECTION 7 - ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE:  
(ANNUAL LIFETIME EXTRA, LIFETIME PLUS, ULTIMATE LIFETIME PLUS COVERS)**

- 7.1 Cover**  
We will pay up to the *Benefit Limit* for any reasonable costs incurred following accidental damage to personal property that is not owned by *You*, a member of *Your Immediate Family*, a relative, employee, guest or other person who is responsible for or in control of *Your Pet*, such damage being caused directly by *Your Pet*. *You* are covered while *Your Pet* is visiting someone else's property, whether or not *You* are legally liable for the damage. *You* must give *Us* independent proof of value at *Your* cost. The damaged item must not be disposed of without *Our* written consent. The maximum *Benefit Limit* that *We* will pay for Accidental Damage is the *Benefit Limit* shown in *Your Schedule*.
- 7.2 Exclusions**  
The following are excluded from cover:
- 7.2.1 damage to any motor vehicle or its contents;
- 7.2.2 damage caused by *Your Pet* vomiting, defecating (fouling) or urinating; and
- 7.2.3 damage while *Your Pet* is left unattended.

**SECTION 8 - PUBLIC LIABILITY:  
(ACCIDENT ONLY, STANDARD, ANNUAL LIFETIME EXTRA, LIFETIME PLUS, ULTIMATE LIFETIME PLUS COVERS)**

- 8.1 Cover**  
Where property is damaged or someone is killed, injured or becomes ill as a result of an incident involving *Your Pet* and *You* are legally responsible *We* shall pay up to the *Benefit Limit* in respect of:
- 8.1.1 Compensation and the Claimant's costs and expenses;
- 8.1.2 The legal cost and expenses of defending a claim made against *You* under this Section.
- We shall also cover *You* up to the *Benefit Limit* in respect of legal costs *You* incur defending criminal proceedings under the Dogs Act 1871, Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 or Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1991. The maximum *Benefit Limit* that *We* will pay for Public Liability is the *Benefit Limit* shown in *Your Schedule*.
- 8.2 Specific Conditions**
- 8.2.1 *You* must not admit responsibility, agree to pay any claim or negotiate with any other persons following an incident.
- 8.2.2 *You* must provide *Us* with any information relating to the claim *We* reasonably ask for including detail of *Your Pet's* history, including medical, behavioural and history of ownership;
- 8.2.3 *You* agree for *Us* to take charge of *Your* claim and allow *Us* to prosecute, defend or settle the same on terms *We* are advised are reasonable in *Your* name for *Our* benefit;
- 8.2.4 *You* agree to help *Us* ascertain all the circumstances of an incident leading to a claim, provide written statements and go to court if *We* require it;
- 8.2.5 *You* must immediately send *Us* any writ, summons or legal documents of whatever nature relating to a claim made against *You* and *You* must never send any replies to such documents.
- 8.3 Exclusions**  
This policy shall not apply to liability in respect of:
- 8.3.1 any compensation, costs or expenses:-
- 8.3.1.1 for defending *You* which *We* have not agreed to in writing beforehand;
- 8.3.1.2 if *You* are legally liable because of a contract *You* have entered into;
- 8.3.1.3 if the Claimant is a person who lives with *You*, is a member of *Your Immediate Family* or is employed by *You*;
- 8.3.1.4 which involves *Your* employment, profession, occupation or business;
- 8.3.1.5 if *You*, a member of *Your Immediate Family* or any person who lives with *You* or is employed by *You* is responsible for or is looking after the property damaged;

- 8.3.1.6 where *You* have not followed advice given to *You* by previous owners of *Your Pet* or by any re-homing organisation about *Your Pet's* behavioural traits;
- 8.3.1.7 for an incident at *Your* workplace;
- 8.3.2 any claims:-
  - 8.3.2.1 if *You* are responsible for air, water or soil pollution unless *You* can prove the same took place as a direct consequence of an *Accident* involving *Your Pet*;
  - 8.3.2.2 arising as a result of any deliberate act on *Your* part or for any other act or omission which could reasonably have been foreseen as causing the loss, damage or *Injury* complained of;
  - 8.3.2.3 as a result of *Your Pet's* interaction with other animals;
  - 8.3.2.4 as a result of any person handling *Your Pet* without *Your* permission or consent;
- 8.3.3 any fines, compensation and prosecution costs following *Your* prosecution under the provisions of the Dogs Act 1871, Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 or Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1991;
- 8.3.4 The *Excess* applicable to this section of cover;
- 8.3.5 the matters referred to in the General Exclusions, Section 14.

#### SECTION 9 - PERSONAL ACCIDENT: (ULTIMATE LIFETIME PLUS COVER ONLY)

- 9.1 **Cover**  
We will pay up to the *Benefit Limit* to cover lost income if *You* are bitten by *Your Pet* while *You* are caring for it and *You* miss work as a result of the *Injury*.
- 9.2 **Exclusions**
  - 9.2.1 Any losses incurred without a doctor's report (to be prepared by *Your* doctor at *Your* cost) to confirm the incapacity suffered and the reasons *You* have been unable to work;
  - 9.2.2 Any losses incurred without a report from *Your* employer stating the period *You* were off work and confirming the sums by way of income *You* did not receive from any source as a result;
  - 9.2.3 Any sums *You* may recover from any other source including Statutory Sick Pay;
  - 9.2.4 Losses caused by any *Pet* that is known to have vicious tendencies.

#### SECTION 10 - OVERSEAS TRAVEL EXTENSION: (STANDARD, ANNUAL LIFETIME EXTRA, LIFETIME PLUS, ULTIMATE LIFETIME PLUS COVERS)

- 10.1 **Emergency Veterinary Treatment Abroad**
  - 10.1.1 **Cover**  
If *Your Pet* needs emergency veterinary *Treatment* as a result of an *Injury* or *Illness* that first shows *Clinical Signs* while *You* are on *Holiday* with *Your Pet*, We will pay up to a maximum *Benefit Limit*

amount as shown in *Your Schedule*, towards the reasonable costs of emergency veterinary *Treatment*. This cover applies to a maximum *Holiday* duration of no more than 30 days and for up to 2 *Holidays* in total per *Policy Period*.

#### 10.2 Quarantine costs

##### 10.2.1 Cover

If *Your Pet* needs to go into quarantine as a result of an *Illness* that first shows *Clinical Signs* while *You* are on *Holiday* with *Your Pet*, despite *Your* adherence with the regulations of the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) or *You* have to get a new pet passport for *Your Pet* if their microchip fails while *You* are on *Holiday* with *Your Pet*, We will pay up to a maximum *Benefit Limit* amount as shown in *Your Schedule*, towards the reasonable costs of quarantine kenneling. This cover applies to maximum *Holiday* duration of no more than 30 days and for up to 2 *Holidays* in total per *Policy Period*.

We will also pay up to the maximum *Benefit Limit* amount as shown in *Your Schedule*, for replacing *Your Pets* passport or *Your Pets* Health Certificate if the original becomes lost, stolen or destroyed during a *Holiday* with *Your Pet*, including any associated quarantine costs during the *Holiday*, as a direct result of the loss, theft or destruction of either document.

#### 10.3 Exclusions

- 10.3.1 Any costs in excess of;
  - 10.3.1.1 the maximum *Benefit Limit* as noted on *Your Schedule* for emergency *Veterinary Fees*;
  - 10.3.1.2 the maximum *Benefit Limit* as noted on *Your Schedule* for quarantine costs;
  - 10.3.1.3 the maximum *Benefit Limit* as noted on *Your Schedule* for loss of *Your Pets* documents or associated costs of *Quarantine*;
  - 10.3.1.4 Any costs resulting from a *Holiday* that started before the *Commencement Date*;
- 10.3.2 Any costs resulting from:
  - 10.3.2.1 an *Injury* or *Illness* that first showed *Clinical Signs* before *Your Holiday* started; or
  - 10.3.2.2 an *Injury* or *Illness* that is the same as or has the same diagnosis or *Clinical Signs* as an *Injury*, *Illness* or *Clinical Sign* *Your Pet* had before *Your Holiday* started; or
  - 10.3.2.3 an *Injury* or *Illness* that is caused by, relates to or results from an *Injury*, *Illness* or *Clinical Sign* *Your Pet* had before *Your Holiday* started no matter where the *Injury*, *Illness* or *Clinical Signs* are in or on *Your Pet's* body except that We shall continue to provide cover where *Your Pet* is already receiving *Treatment* for an ongoing *Condition*;
- 10.3.3 The cost of food;

- 10.3.4 Any costs if the *Holiday* was made to get *Treatment* abroad;
- 10.3.5 Any costs to take *Your Pet's* body home if it dies;
- 10.3.6 We will not pay for any loss or damage that is caused by, connected to or results from:
  - 10.3.6.1 *You* not complying with any part of a Pet Travel Scheme whether imposed by the UK government, a transport company or other countries involved in the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS);
  - 10.3.6.2 any confiscation, detention, requisition, damage, destruction or any prohibitive regulations by customs or any government officials or authorities of any country unless specifically covered by this policy;
  - 10.3.6.3 travel outside the European Union countries included in the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS);
  - 10.3.6.4 *You* having to comply with any part of the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) unless specifically covered by this policy; or
  - 10.3.6.5 currency exchange rate differences;
- 10.3.7 Any costs for failure of a microchip if this is not of ISO Standard 11785 or Annex A to ISO Standard 11785 and this was not checked and found to be working within 14 days of *Your* departure. We will in any event require evidence that *Your Pet* was microchipped prior to *Your Holiday* with a microchip of ISO Standard 11785 or Annex A to ISO Standard 11785;
- 10.3.8 Any costs for the loss, theft or destruction of *Your Pet* passport or Health certificate if this is not reported to the issuing *Vet* within 24 hours of the discovery of the loss, theft or destruction.
- 10.3.9 Any costs for the loss, theft or destruction of *Your Pet* passport or Health certificate where the loss, theft or destruction occurs prior to the start of *Your Holiday*.

**10.4 Notification of Claim Cost**  
**If the total *Veterinary Fees* appear likely to exceed £1,000 (at the exchange rate prevailing at time of *Treatment*) *You* must immediately tell on 0844 561 1625 as *We* may wish to obtain a second opinion from *Our* veterinary advisor.**

## SECTION 11 - GENERAL CONDITIONS

### 11.1 General Conditions

- 11.1.1 If *You* pay the premiums by direct debit and *You* default on any payment. *We* reserve the right to charge a reasonable administration fee. Please refer to *Ultimate's* Terms of Business for full details.
- 11.1.2 If at the time of an event giving rise to a claim under this policy, there is any other insurance policy in *Your* name which is in force and which provides cover for the same expense, loss, damage or liability then *We* will only be liable for *Our* proportionate value of the claim, such proportion being determined by reference to the cover provided under each of the relevant policies.

- 11.1.3 A dog on a public highway must be on a collar and lead under control. Reasonable steps must be taken to ensure a dog does not escape or stray and any area in which a dog is kept must be secure and appropriately fenced or otherwise secured.
- 11.1.4 *You* must tell *Ultimate* as soon as possible of any change in circumstances relevant to this policy, including change of address. Failure to do so may invalidate this policy. *We* reserve the right to alter the terms of this policy immediately after *We* are notified of such changes.
- 11.1.5 During the *Policy Period* *You* must take care of *Your Pet* including arranging and paying for any *Treatment* normally recommended by *Your Vet* to prevent or reduce the risk of *Illness* or *Injury*.
- 11.1.6 *You* must ensure that *Your Pet* is vaccinated against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parvovirus for dogs, kennel cough when entering a boarding kennel or show, and feline infections such as enteritis, feline leukaemia and cat flu for cats. *You* must also agree to have *Your Pet* vaccinated against any other disease a *Vet* feels is necessary. *You* must keep *Your Pet's* vaccinations up to date, as recommended by *Your Vet*.
- 11.1.7 *You* must ensure that *Your Pet* is wormed regularly and if there is a risk of contagion, to keep *Your Pet* isolated from the same.
- 11.1.8 *You* must not mis-state, omit or conceal a Material Fact, (such as current and past health of *Your Pet*, previous medical *Treatment* or *Conditions*, behavioural issues, previous or existing legal proceedings against *You* in respect of *Your Pet* etc) from the proposal for this insurance or when renewing it or claiming against it, otherwise *We* reserve the right to cancel or void this policy and to retain any paid premiums. *We* reserve the right to cancel or void this policy and to retain the premium where *We* believe *You* have mis-stated, omitted or concealed a fact *We* consider material to the risk either when taking out a policy for the first time or renewing it.
- 11.1.9 If a dispute arises and the dispute relates to any sum to be paid under this policy then it may be referred to a single arbitrator. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding. Differences not referred to arbitration within 365 days of the date the difference occurred will be deemed to have been abandoned. Please note that this does not affect *Your* rights to refer *Your* claim to to the Financial Services Ombudsman. Where a dispute arises due to a difference of opinion between *Vets* then *We* shall appoint an independent *Vet* whose decision shall be binding. The costs of the independent *Vet* will be shared equally by *You* and *Us*;
- 11.1.10 When inviting renewal of this policy *We* may, at *Our* sole discretion amend the premium and/or terms and conditions of *Your* policy.

## SECTION 12 - HOW TO CLAIM

- 12.1 In the event of an *Accident, Injury, Illness*, loss, destruction or damage giving rise or likely to give rise to a claim under this policy, *You* must either:
- 12.1.1 download a claim form from [www.greeninsurancecompany.com](http://www.greeninsurancecompany.com) or submit *Your* claim on line
  - 12.1.2 contact *Ultimate* by email on [petclaims@ultimateservices.co.uk](mailto:petclaims@ultimateservices.co.uk)
  - 12.1.3 contact *Ultimate* by telephone on 0844 561 1625
- and request *Ultimate* to send *You* a claim form. Full instructions of how to complete the claim form will be provided. *You* must co-operate fully and truthfully to give *Ultimate* any information *Ultimate* may need.

## SECTION 13 - CONDITIONS OF SETTLING CLAIMS

- 13.1 If requested by *Ultimate*, the *Vet* attending *Your Pet* or the usual or previous *Vet* must, at *Your* expense, provide *Ultimate* with all information about *Your Pet*, including its full medical history or its *Treatment* as *Ultimate* may require.
- 13.2 **Advice Line**  
Remember *You* can also use the Advice Line service provided by VetadviceLine, for those times when taking *Your Pet* to *Your* normal *Vet* is not possible or practical - *You* may contact VetadviceLine's veterinary nurses at any time, who will give *You* advice about
- Your Pet's* health and welfare. This service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.  
**VetadviceLine's number is 0844 445 7453**
- 13.3 *You* and *Your Vet* will have to complete all applicable sections on one of *Our* Claim Forms and submit the same to *Ultimate* before a claim can be assessed by *Ultimate*. An incomplete Claim Form will be returned and this will delay settlement of claims. *We* will not pay any fee charged by *Your Vet* for completing the Claim Form and *We* reserve the right to refuse a claim where a fully completed Claim Form has not been returned to *Us* without undue delay and in any event within 90 days of the incident occurring or *Your* renewal if sooner.
- 13.4 As to Sections 3 & 6 it is *Your* responsibility to prove the value of *Your Pet* although *We* reserve the right to set the relevant *Market Value*. In any event *Market Value* will be limited up to 50% of the sum insured value for *Pets* aged 6 years or more. Where a claim is made for a pedigree *Pet* *You* must send *Us*, at *Your* cost, the originals of a recognised Breed Club registration document, Pedigree Certificate and purchase receipt. Please note, *We* will keep the original documents.
- 13.5 For a claim under Section 6 *You* must provide *Us* with documentary evidence of the reward offer made and details of the beneficiary.
- 13.6 *You* must continue to pay *Your* premium and renew *Your* Policy in order to receive payment for claims. In the event *You* fail to pay *Your* premium, lapse *Your* Policy or cancel *Your* Policy, all claims payments will cease and no further monies will be due from *Us*.

## SECTION 14 - GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

- 14.1 Any *Pre-existing Conditions*.
- 14.2 Any claims for *Illness* under Accident Only Cover.
- 14.3 Any claims for *Illness* or a *Condition* displaying *Clinical Signs* within 14 days of *Commencement Date* under **Standard, Annual Lifetime Extra, Lifetime Plus and Ultimate Lifetime Plus covers**.
- 14.4 Any claims arising from *Your Pet* being neutered or spayed.
- 14.5 Any claim arising as a result of any sexually transmitted disease, rabies, Aujeszky's disease, leishmaniasis, epidemic outbreaks or any 'notifiable' disease.
- 14.6 *We* will not pay a claim that is in any way untrue or fraudulent, or arises from a malicious, wilful or criminal act on the part of any person.
- 14.7 Any claims arising as a result of Act of Parliament, by law or central or local government regulation.
- 14.8 *We* will only pay costs which are incurred as a direct consequence of the event which led to the claim *You* are making under *this Policy*.
- 14.9 Any claims arising as a result of *Your Pet* undergoing organ transplants.
- 14.10 Any loss as a result of an act of force or violence for religious, ideological or political reasons, war, riot, civil commotion, revolution or similar event including any act of terrorism of any kind.
- 14.11 Any loss, injury, damage, death or legal liability directly or indirectly caused by, happening through, in consequence of or contributed to by:
- 14.11.1 An epidemic, pandemic or other such health warning, and declared as such by the Department of Health and Children and/or the World Health Organisation;
  - 14.11.2 Arising from any fear or threat (whether actual or perceived) of such epidemic or pandemic being declared or occurring;
  - 14.11.3 Any action taking in controlling, preventing, suppressing or in any way relating to any outbreak of such epidemic or pandemic.
- If *We* allege that, by reason of this exclusion, any claim is not covered by this policy the burden of proving the contrary shall be *Your* responsibility.
- 14.12 *We* shall not be liable where *We* have not received the correct premium before the start of each *Policy Period*.
- 14.13 *We* shall not be liable under this policy unless *You* have complied with all the terms, conditions and endorsements of this policy.
- 14.14 *We* shall not pay any claims where *Your Pet* has been used in any trade, profession or business, including breeding, unless *We* have agreed in writing to cover such use. Show dogs are covered.
- 14.15 *We* shall not be liable for any claims of any kind which are caused by *Your Pet* straying, escaping, damaging property, or attacking persons or *Pets* if *Your Pet* has done this before.
- 14.16 **Excluded Dogs**
- 14.16.1 Any dogs used for trade, profession or business.
  - 14.16.2 The following dogs, as outlined in the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, are specifically excluded from cover under any section of this policy:

- Pit Bull Terrier
- Japanese Tosa / Tosa Inus
- Dogo Argentino (also referred to as Argentine Dogo and Argentinian Mastiff)
- Fila Brasileiro

Including any “type”, as defined in the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, considered to match the description of a prohibited “type”; any breed crossed with the above; and any other breed or type deemed be dangerous by the Secretary of State and subsequently added to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

14.16.3 In addition, the following types/breeds are also excluded from cover under any section of this policy:

American Bandogge/Bandogge Mastiff  
 American/Irish Staffordshire Bull Terriers  
 Canary Dogs/Perro De Pressa Canarias/Presca Canarias  
 Cane Corsos  
 Czechoslovakian Wolfdogs/Sarlooswolfhounds/ Wolf Hybrids  
 Korean Jindo  
 Northern Inuit Dogs  
 Racing Greyhounds  
 Shar Pei  
 Utonagan

- 14.17 Any *Pet* less than 8 Weeks old.
- 14.18 Any dogs used as gundogs, used for or in connection with shooting or for the purposes of hunting of any kind whether for business or recreational purposes.
- 14.19 Any payment due to *You* where *You* have failed to pay the relevant premium due to *Us* or *You* cancel *Your* Policy before an outstanding claims payment is made. Please note *We* will not be liable to pay any outstanding claims in these circumstances.
- 14.20 The Applicable *Excess*, as shown in *Your* Schedule.

#### SECTION 15 - CANCELLATION RIGHTS

- 15.1 If, once *You* receive *Your* full policy documents, *You* are not happy *You* have 14 days within which *You* can cancel the policy. If *You* wish to cancel *Your* policy please contact *Ultimate* 's offices using the details below. Upon receipt of *Your* written cancellation *We* shall cancel *Your* policy and provided no claims have been made *You* shall receive a refund of any premium *You* have paid. *We* reserve the right to charge a reasonable administration fee. Please refer to *Ultimate*'s Terms of Business for full details.
- 15.2 If *You* wish to cancel after 14 days *We* may give *You* a refund of *Your* premium for any period of cover falling after the cancellation date less any reasonable administration expenses. Please contact *Ultimate*'s offices using the details below. If *You* have not received an acknowledgement from *Ultimate* within 14 days, *You* must post the details by recorded delivery.
- 15.3 If *We* have paid a claim *You* may not receive the full return of *Your* premium.
- 15.4 *We* reserve the right to cancel *Your* policy at any time. If *We* do then *We* shall retain such premium as covers the time the policy has been in force and return any balance to *You*. *We* then have no further liability to *You* but *Your* rights up until the cancellation date remain unaffected. *We* reserve

the right to charge a reasonable administration fee. Please refer to *Ultimate*'s Terms of Business for full details.

- 15.5 Should *You* wish to alter this policy or cancel it please contact *Ultimate*'s office. This can be done by writing to the postal address or email address noted below, or by phone on 0845 604 2308. If *You* have not received an acknowledgement from *Ultimate* within 14 days, *You* must post the details by recorded delivery. A reasonable administration charge will be made for any policy alteration. *Ultimate* 's postal address is: 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, The Connect Centre, Kingston Crescent, North End, Portsmouth, PO2 8DE.

#### SECTION 16 - ADVICE LINE

- 16.1 *We* are delighted to include an Advice Line service, provided by VetadviceLine, for those times when taking *Your Pet* to *Your* normal *Vet* is not possible or practical - *You* may contact VetadviceLine's veterinary nurses at any time, who will give *You* advice about *Your Pet*'s health and welfare. This service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. *VetadviceLine*'s *Pet Advice Line* is available on 0844 445 7453

#### SECTION 17- COMPLAINT HANDLING PROCEDURE

If *You* have a complaint please follow this procedure.

- 17.1 If *You* are unhappy with any part of our service please write to the Complaints Department at *Ultimate Pet Partners* at the above address, call us on 0845 604 2308 or alternatively you can email us on [green@ultimateservices.co.uk](mailto:green@ultimateservices.co.uk).
- 17.2 If *You* remain dissatisfied please request that *Your* complaint be passed to the Quality Team Manager at *Ultimate Pet Partners*. You can call on 0845 604 2308.
- 17.3 If *You* are not satisfied with *Ultimate*'s final decision please refer your complaint to the Customer Services Manager at Ultimate Insurance Company Limited Suite 913, Europort, Gibraltar, Home State; Gibraltar
- 17.4 If *You* do not receive satisfaction through *Our* internal procedures, then *You* may refer *Your* complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). Their address is: South Quay Plaza, 183 Marsh Wall, London, E14 9SR or they can be contacted on 0300 123 9123.
- 17.5 Financial Services Compensation Scheme  
 If *We* are unable to meet *Our* liabilities *You* may be entitled to compensation under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). Further information about compensation scheme arrangements is available at [www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk), by emailing [enquiries@fscs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@fscs.org.uk) or by phoning the FSCS on 0800 678 1100.
- 17.6 *Your* legal rights are unaffected.

#### SECTION 18 – OTHER INFORMATION

##### How *We* protect *Your* Privacy

*Ultimate* is registered under the Data Protection Act, number: Z1649575

##### Purpose of Collection

*Ultimate* collect, store and use *Your* personal information in order to consider *Your* application for insurance and to administer insurance services to *You*, including claims investigation and management. *Ultimate* may also

use this information for secondary purposes related to the purposes listed above, such as offering *You* additional insurance or insurance-related products or services that *We* believe *You* might be interested in considering. This will always be done as permitted by the relevant privacy legislation.

#### **Disclosure**

In conducting business *Ultimate* may communicate *Your* personal information to organisations to whom *We* may outsource certain functions or to associated companies. Any such communication is performed with strict adherence to *Our* privacy policy.

#### **Language**

All communication between *You* and *Us* will be conducted in English.

#### **Opt Out**

If *You* don't want to receive information on any of *Our* new products or services *You* can tell *Ultimate* on *Your Proposal Form* or by e-mailing [green@ultimateservices.co.uk](mailto:green@ultimateservices.co.uk).

#### **Updating Your Records**

If *You* think *Ultimate's* records are wrong or out of date, particularly *Your* contact details, it is important that *You* contact *Ultimate* and they will correct them. *You* can do this by calling 0845 604 2308.

#### **Material Information**

*We* rely upon the information *You* provide *Us* to decide whether to insure *Your Pet* and the terms and conditions under which *We* will offer cover. English Law requires *You* to tell *Us* about all known factors relating to the health and behaviour of *Your Pet* that may influence *Our* decision. This is known as Duty of Disclosure, if *You* fail in *Your* Duty of Disclosure *We* may exercise certain remedies that include cancelling this policy or reducing the benefits due in terms of the policy. If *You* are in any doubt as to whether a fact is or may be material to *Us*, *You* must tell *Us* about it.

#### **Monthly Policies**

A Monthly Policy runs for and premiums are collected each calendar month. A monthly policy will automatically renew each month until such time as *You* advise *Ultimate* *You* wish to cancel *Your* policy. *We* reserve *Our* rights to change the terms and conditions of the policy upon renewal. *We* require *You* to tell *Ultimate* in writing should *You* decide not to renew *Your* policy.

During the *Policy Period* for Monthly Policies *We* may offer *You* upgraded benefits, alter the cover or increase premiums. *You* will get at least 14 days notice of any alterations in cover or increase in premium. All premiums include Government Insurance Premium Tax at 5%.

#### **About the Insurer**

Ultimate Insurance Company Limited is registered in Gibraltar(Registered number 103362), Registered Office; Suite 913, Europort, Gibraltar. Home State: Gibraltar.

Ultimate Insurance Company Limited is licensed and regulated by Gibraltar Financial Services Commission under the Financial Services (Insurance Companies) Act of Gibraltar to carry on insurance business and is a member of the United Kingdom's Financial Services Compensation Scheme, Financial Ombudsman Service and the Association of British insurers (ABI) the Companies details can be checked by visiting the Gibraltar Financial Services Commission website at <http://www.fsc.gi/fsclists/insulist.asp>

Ultimate Insurance Company Limited is registered with the FSA under number 522727 this can be checked at [www.fsa.gov.uk](http://www.fsa.gov.uk)

As the underwriter, Ultimate Insurance Company Limited is responsible for this policy document.

#### **About the Administrator**

Ultimate Pet Partners are authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority (FSA No 493636). If *You* have any questions please call our friendly customer service team on 0845 604 2308, Monday to Friday 8:00am to 9:00pm or Saturday 9:00am to 2:00pm; or visit our website [www.greeninsurancecompany.com](http://www.greeninsurancecompany.com); or email *Us* at [green@ultimateservices.co.uk](mailto:green@ultimateservices.co.uk). *Ultimate* provides administration, customer services and claims services on Ultimate Insurance Company's behalf.

#### **Changes to the Policy**

*We* reserve the right to decline any insurance risk or to change the premium and the terms quoted.

#### **Automatic Renewal**

At the end of each *Policy Period* *We* will write to *You* to advise *You* about any changes to the premium and/or policy terms and conditions. As this is a monthly contract, which runs for 12 consecutive months, the policy will automatically continue for each *Policy Period* and *We* will continue to take payments unless *You* tell *Ultimate* otherwise.

#### **Governing Law and Courts**

Both parties are entitled to choose the law applicable to this contract of insurance. *We* propose English law and in the absence of any agreement to the contrary, English law will apply. Any disputes shall be referred to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.