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PET HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY

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This policy contains various exclusions and stipulations, which restrict coverage. Please read it carefully.

1. Insuring Agreement

We provide the insurance described in this policy in return for payment of the premium and in reliance upon the statements you made in the application, and subject of the terms and conditions set forth in the policy.

- a. **WE COVER:** the actual cost of veterinary treatment if your pet develops an illness or has an accident, with no claim payment limits per year or per claim throughout the lifetime of your pet.
- b. **MONTHLY PREMIUM:** Your monthly premium is found on the Declarations Page. The premium amount is determined by the following enrollment factors:
 - (1) Age at enrollment;
 - (2) Breed;
 - (3) Gender;
 - (4) Local cost of veterinary care, (i.e., by postal/zip code);
 - (5) Therapeutic pet food discount, as applicable;
 - (6) Deductible choice;
 - (7) Working pet activities;
 - (8) Rider A choice; and
 - (9) Rider B choice.
- c. CHANGES TO YOUR PREMIUM: Your premium will not change due to your pet aging or your pet's individual claims experience. However, your monthly premium may change (up or down) during the life of the policy as a result of changes in the overall cost of veterinary care for your enrollment factors. Such changes will never occur more than once per year and will not exceed 20%. If your premium changes, we will notify you in writing, by regular mail or by email (to the last address made known to us), at least 30 days before your change is to take effect.
- d. **POLICYHOLDER INITIATED CHANGES TO COVERAGE:** If, at any time after initial enrollment, you elect to enhance coverage by decreasing your deductible and/or by adding a Rider, waiting periods will apply from the date of enhancement.

2. Insured Pet and Policy Benefits

- a. **INSURED PET:** We insure the pet described on the Declarations Page for the cost of veterinary treatment.
- b. Working pet activities For this coverage to apply, you must specify at the time of enrollment which of the following working activites applies to your pet. An additional premium may apply:
 - (1) Service and therapy cats and dogs;
 - (2) Law enforcement dogs;
 - (3) Search and rescue dogs;
 - (4) Herding, hunting and sled dogs;
 - (5) Guard dogs; and
 - (6) Breeding cats and dogs (breeding, whelping and queening).
- c. The following optional benefits (Rider A) are available, subject to an additional premium. You must choose and pay for Rider A for coverage to apply:
 - (1) Acupuncture;
 - (2) Behavioral modfication;
 - (3) Bone marrow transplants;
 - (4) Chiropractic;
 - (5) Colloidal silver treatment,
 - (6) Gold seed therapy (gamma knife);
 - (7) Herbal therapy;
 - (8) Homeopathy;
 - (9) Hydrotherapy;
 - (10) Hyperbaric oxygen therapy;
 - (11) Kidney transplants;
 - (12) Naturopathy;
 - (13) Physical therapy (rehabilitative therapy);
 - (14) Platelet rich plasma injection;
 - (15) Polyethylene glycol medication;
 - (16) Shockwave therapy; and
 - (17) Stem cell therapy.
- d. The following optional benefits (Rider B) are available, subject to an additional premium. You must choose and pay for Rider B for coverage to apply:
 - (1) Liability coverage for third-party property damage;
 - (2) Advertising and reward;
 - (3) Boarding fees;
 - (4) Holiday vacation cancellation costs; and
 - (5) Cremation or burial.

All benefits are subject to the terms and conditions of this policy.

Coverage is in effect at the time and date shown on the Declarations Page, subject to the waiting periods.

3. Eligible Claims - What You Pay

- a. Veterinary Examination Fees;
- b. Deductible (if you choose to have one);
- c. 10% Co-insurance;
- d. Federal/State/Provincial/Local taxes; and
- e. Costs not covered by this policy.

4. Claim Process

- a. You must submit a fully completed claim form and supporting invoice(s) within 90 days of the treatment date. You can download a claim form from the member portal on our website at www.trupanion.com or you may contact our call center at 1-800-569-7913 and we will mail, email or fax one to you.
- b. The complete medical history/records associated with your pet are required to process any claim. You agree to provide to us all medical history/records associated with your pet. You authorize us, at the time of enrollment, to contact any and all veterinary clinics or hospitals in your area to obtain all available medical records that exist for your pet. You authorize any and all veterinary clinics or hospitals to release to us all medical records that may exist for your pet. Failure or refusal to disclose a complete medical history for your pet when requested may result in the denial of your claim(s) and the voiding of your policy. If your policy is voided, the policy premium paid will be refunded to you.
- c. In the event of a disagreement between you and us concerning the coverage of a claim, you may request review of Trupanion's denial pursuant to our voluntary denied claims review process. If Trupanion affirms denial of your claim, you may further request that your claim be reviewed by an independent third-party veterinarian ("ITPV") to adjudicate whether the medical reasoning for denial is justifed. The ITPV's decision shall be final and binding on Trupanion.
- d. Your claim is payable within 60 days after submission of a competed claim form and supporting documentation, unless state or provincial law provides for a shorter period.
- e. You may have your claims paid directly to the treating veterinarian if an arrangement t to do so exists between Trupanion and the treating veterinarian.

5. General Conditions

- a. Premiums are payable monthly. This policy is continued until cancelled, and will renew automatically each month as long as premium payments are current. If premiums are unpaid, we may cancel this policy by sending a notice of cancellation to you at your last known address at least 20 days before the effective date of cancellation.
- b. You may cancel your policy by notifying us in writing via mail, fax or email.
- c. If you cancel your policy for any reason within the first 30 days, and you have not submitted a claim within that period, you will receive 100% of your money back.
- d. Insurance fraud unfairly increases premiums for all policyholders. Thus, if you provide us with false information, or make a false, exaggerated, or otherwise dishonest claim with us, we may not pay your claim, we may void your policy and we may inform the authorities.
- e. You must be the owner of the insured pet. If the pet owner dies, becomes unable to care for the insured pet, or transfers the ownership of the insured pet, we are happy to arrange continued coverage if we are contacted within 30 days.
- f. A pet is covered under this policy only while the pet is in the United States of America, Puerto Rico or Canada.
- g. This coverage is not transferable to other pets.
- h. Conditions arising from repeated activity may be excluded by us if you have been notified in writing that claims arising from that activity will no longer be covered. If there is a repeated activity that is to be excluded from your policy, we will notify you in writing, by regular mail or by email (to the last addresses made known to us), at least 30 days before the change is to take effect.
- i. We will not make payments for claims for which you are entitled to indemnity under any other insurance, except for:
 - (1) Any additional sum which is payable over and above such other insurance;
 - (2) Any contribution that we are obliged to make by law;
- j. Qualifications all veterinary treatment must be endorsed and provided by a veterinarian with the necessary training and experience, or staff under the veterinarian's direct supervision.

- k. When this policy's provisions are in conflict with the statutes of the state or province in which this policy is issued, the provisions are amended to conform to such statutes.
- 1. Entire contract This policy, the declaration page, and any attached endorsement(s) contain all the agreements between you and us.

6. Things You Must Do

We care about and promote responsible pet ownership, and require you to do and pay for the following:

- a. You must act prudently in the care and protection of your pet. You must protect the pet from aggravation and/or recurrence of any injury and/or illness after its initial occurrence and provide proper maintenance/preventive care.
- b. Your pet must have an annual dental examination and, if recommended, prophylaxis (defined as ultrasonic scaling and polishing of the teeth). You must follow your veterinarian's advice about dental care and treatment. Subject to the terms and conditions of this policy, we will pay dental claims if you comply with these requirements.
- c. You must keep your pet vaccinated against the following:
 - (1) Dogs Distemper, hepatitis, parainfluenza, parvovirus, rabies and any other condition for which vaccination has been recommended by your vet.
 - (2) Cats Panleukopenia, rhinotracheitis, calici virus, rabies and any other condition for which vaccination has been recommended by your vet.

We will not pay claims for illnesses resulting from failure to comply with the vaccination guidelines described above, or other diseases that are preventable by vaccines, unless otherwise advised by your veterinarian.

d. You must arrange for your pet to be neutered or spayed prior to its first birthday. If you do not comply, no coverage shall apply for illness related to prostate problems, hormonal skin conditions, perianal hernias, testicular tumors, perianal tumors, mammary tumors, uterine and ovarian conditions, birthing, or injury due to fighting, collision with a motor vehicle, or aggressive behavior. This stipulation does not apply to pets where the timing of being spayed or neutered was in conjunction with their veterinarian's medical recommendations, or to pets spayed or neutered within 60 days of being adopted.

- e. Appropriate prophylactic medication as prescribed and dispensed by your veterinarian to protect against illness, including but not limited to lice, parasites, and fleas. We will not pay claims for illnesses or injuries as a result of your failure to comply with this requirement; and
- f. Appropriate prophylactic medication and/or vaccination as prescribed and dispensed by your veterinarian to protect against tick-borne illnesses. We will not pay claims for illnesses or injuries as a result of your failure to comply with this requirement.

7. What We Do Not Cover

a. WAITING PERIODS

- (1) Illnesses that occur or recur within the first 30 days from the policy enrollment date (or from a policy enhancement date); or
- (2) Injuries from an accident that occurs within the first 5 days from the policy enrollment date (or from a policy enhancement date).

b. CONDITIONS NOT COVERED

- (1) Illnesses for which any evidence and/or symptoms of their potential manifestation already exist at, or prior to, the policy enrollment date;
- (2) The cost of treatment for bilateral conditions presenting on one side of the body, if that condition was a pre-existing condition on the other side of the body (such as luxating patella or anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) weakness);
- (3) Conditions arising from a repetitive and specific activity that leads to decontamination (i.e., the induction of vomiting, stomach pumping, or treatment with charcoal), medical, or surgical treatment of your pet, if the same or a similar activity has occurred two times within the 18-month period prior to the policy enrollment date.
- (4) Abnormalities that are present at, or during the 18 months prior to, the policy enrollment date (even if they have not been previously detected and/or documented by a veterinarian). These include signs, symptoms or conditions which are:
 - a. observable by, or reasonably known to be present by, the pet owner;
 - b. detectable by a routine physical exam by your veterinarian;
 - c. those which have been noted from diagnostic testing, screening or radiographs.

- c. **PREVENTIVE CARE** Preventive care such as, but not limited to, vaccinations or titer test, flea control, tick control, heartworm medication, dental care and prophylaxis (meaning cleansing of tooth surfaces), deworming, nail trim, or other grooming.
- d. **DENTAL** Coverage for the cost of scaling, cleaning and polishing the teeth at any time, and for any reason.

e. OTHER EXCLUSIONS

We do not insure the costs, fees, or expenses associated with:

- (1) Veterinary examinations;
- (2) Injuries due to any intentional act, including organized dog fighting, by you or a member of your household;
- (3) Elective, cosmetic, or preventive procedures, including but not limited to tail docking, ear cropping, declawing, dew claw removal, and ear cleaning;
- (4) Boarding or transport expenses;
- (5) Complications of conditions excluded or restricted by this policy;
- (6) Anal gland expression. However, the cost to surgically remove the anal glands is eligible for coverage;
- (7) Feeding, housing, exercise, special diets, pet foods, routine or preventive supplements, grooming, nail trims, shampoo and bathing (including medicated baths);
- (8) Diagnostic tests for conditions or procedures excluded by this policy and/or due to complications of conditions excluded or restricted by this policy;
- (9) Any claim for loss arising from a nuclear reaction, radiation, radioactive contamination or the discharge of nuclear device, whether controlled or uncontrolled, accidental or otherwise;
- (10) Any claim for loss arising from a chemical, biological, bio-chemical or electromagnetic weapon, device, agent or material, whether controlled or uncontrolled, accidental or otherwise;
- (11) Any claim for loss arising from war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities, civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, strikes, riots, or civil commotion;
- (12) Any condition resulting from activities related to training for or participating in track racing or sled racing; or
- (13) Raw food diets.

8. STIPULATIONS

- a. Supplements We cover dietary supplements, including vitamins and nutraceuticals, manufactured and labeled with ingredient analysis, which are dispensed by your veterinarian in the treatment of injuries and symptomatic illnesses covered by this policy and not for routine or preventive care.
- b. Therapeutic Pet Food We cover 50% of the cost of therapeutic pet food when recommended and dispensed by your veterinarian in the treatment of injuries or illnesses covered by this policy for up to two months of feeding. If you continue to feed your pet the food as a long-term replacement diet, you will be eligible for a dis count to your monthly premium. This coverage is not for routine/preventive care.
- c. Dental We will pay for endodontic treatment due to dental disease or trauma for canine and carnassial teeth. If endodontic treatment is performed on any other teeth, we will pay for the cost of extraction.

9. Definitions

These words that are used throughout the policy have the following special meanings:

a. **ACCIDENT** – An event causing injury to the pet, when such injury is neither expected nor intended by you.

b. ACTUAL COST OF VETERINARY TREATMENT – The standard fees/costs a veterinarian would charge, regardless of whether that customer has insurance coverage.

- c. **CO-INSURANCE** Your portion of the cost of insured veterinary treatment. Your co-insurance amount is 10% and is shown on the Declarations Page as the "Owner" portion.
- d. **CONDITION** Any manifestations of clinical symptoms consistent with a diagnosis or diagnoses, regardless of the number of incidents or areas of the body affected.
- e. **COVERAGE** The insurance protection described in this policy form and on the Declarations Page.
- f. **DEDUCTIBLE** The monetary amount that you pay for each condition. Once the deductible amount has been met for a specific condition, the policy will then pay out all future losses subject to all other terms and conditions.
- g. **DIAGNOSTIC TESTS** Tests used to determine the overall health of your pet. Diagnostic tests can be used as a way to detect certain abnormalities, validate the current health of your pet or help to thoroughly evaluate an older pet before problems surface.
- h. **EXAMINATION** A thorough examination, encompassing all body systems, performed by a licensed veterinarian. Also referred to as "full physical," "physical consultation," "full examination," or "veterinary examination."
- i. ILLNESS Sickness, disease, and any changes to your pet's normal healthy state not caused by an accident.
- j. **ITPV** Independent Third Party Veterinarian Trupanion contracts with independent veterinarians who are board certified specialists/experts in the field of your claim. For example a claim pertaining to cancer would be reviewed by a board certified oncologist. These doctors are selected solely on the basis of their degree of expertise and have no other relationship or affiliation with Trupanion.
- k. **MEDICATION** legally prescribed medication dispensed by your veterinarian.

- 1. **PET OR PETS** A domestic cat or dog that is owned for companionship or as a service dog, not owned for commercial reasons. This term does not refer to hybrid breeds resulting from the breeding of domestic cats or dogs with wild breeds (e.g. wolf hybrid).
- m. **POLICY ENROLLMENT DATE** This is the date you enroll your pet with us.
- n. **RACING DOG** A dog which is owned and maintained for the purpose of competing in organized track or sled races or speed tests.
- o. **SURGERIES** Procedures that treat diseases or injuries by operative manual and instrumental methods.
- p. **VACCINATION** The administration of a legally approved commercial vaccine by a licensed veterinarian, in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations for prevention of disease.
- q. **VETERINARIAN** A veterinarian licensed to practice in the area where your pet is treated or examined.
- r. **VETERINARY TREATMENT** Diagnostic tests, surgeries, medications, supplements, therapeutic pet food, orthotic devices, prosthetic devices, carts, nursing and care that are proven and accepted forms of treatment.
- s. **VETERINARY EXAMINATION FEES** Fees charged for the professional opinion of a veterinarian, including but not limited to consultation, examination, office visit, referral, and recheck fees.
- t. **WE, US, AND OUR** Trupanion handles many of the administrative processes for this insurance on behalf of the underwriter. The terms "We," "Us," or "Our" should be interpreted in that context.
- u. YOU AND YOUR The Insured/spouse/partner (pet owner) named in the Declarations Page.
- v. YOUR PET The dog or cat named in the Declarations Page or in the schedule.

Notice



10. Notice

a. Any written notice to Trupanion may be delivered to us at:

United States Policyholders:

Trupanion American Pet Insurance Company 907 NW Ballard Way Seattle, WA 98107-4607

Canadian Policyholders:

Trupanion Omega General Insurance Company PO Box 34538, 1268 Marine Drive North Vancouver, BC V7P 1T2

Email: notice@trupanion.com

Fax: 1.866.405.4536

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has executed and attested these presents.

Darryl Rawlings, Chief Executive Officer