

Why get your Pet insured?

Veterinary fees can be a concern for many pet owners and unfortunately there is no National Health Service (NHS) for pets. Every practice is different and will have different overheads so there is no standard fee within the veterinary profession.

With advances in veterinary medicine we can offer high levels of care to your pets but this does come at a cost and some conditions, particularly those that require referral to a specialist can be very expensive to treat. That's where pet insurance comes in.

Having a good pet insurance policy allows you to concentrate on what's best for your pet, knowing help is there for the cost of unexpected treatments, especially as 1 in 3 of our pets may require urgent veterinary treatment each year. However it's important to be aware that not all pet insurance is the same.

Some policies limit the amount of time or money that you can claim for, so we suggest that you don't choose a policy based on price alone, when choosing an insurance company there are a few things you should look out for:

- Be careful to check the amount of veterinary fee covered is adequate.
- Check there is no time limit on how long you can claim each illness. Chronic illnesses are for life not just 12 or 24 months!
- Check that your pet will be covered in later years when they need it most.

Is there anything that insurance won't cover?

Yes. Vaccinations, neutering and routine treatments such as flea and worming won't be covered with insurance. Like household and car insurance, pet insurance also has an excess that you will have to pay on a claim.

You may be surprised to hear that you are more likely to claim on your pet insurance than your household or car policies. Pet insurance can offer real peace of mind should your pet need treatment or be taken ill unexpectedly.

Some typical costs paid out by insurance companies

- Poisoning - £1,983
- Road Traffic Accident - £4,260
- Arthritis - £1,306+
- Diabetes Mellitus - £3,682
- Dermatitis - £2,443
- Ear Infection - £3,806
- Hip Dysplasia - £5,823
- Fracture repair - £1,000 - £4,000
- Disc Surgery - £4,000-£7,000

Snake Warning!

At this time of year snakes are more present in areas such as the commons. Please be aware of this when out walking your dogs.

The European Adder is the only venomous snake native to the UK. The adults are about 50cm long, pale grey/green to dark brown with characteristic black/brown zigzag patterning down its back (not obvious if very dark).



Adder venom is a complex mixture of proteins. It has a direct effect on the heart and blood vessels. Onset is usually rapid, within 2 hours, so speed is essential for treatment. Puncture wounds may be visible with localised, painful swelling that may spread and bleed. Signs include swelling around the bite site, shock and collapse. Keep your dog still; and as quiet as possible and leave the bite site alone.

If you think that your pet has been bitten by a snake contact the surgery as soon as possible.

Microchipping Law - from 6th April 2016!

The microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2015 will introduce compulsory microchipping of dogs in England on April 6th 2016.

Veterinary Nurses are able to microchip your dogs, so if you wish for your dog to be microchipped before the deadline then contact the surgery and book an appointment to see the registered veterinary nurse for a £10 microchip.



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