1. **Insuring Agreement**

In return for receiving Your payment of premium when due, We will provide insurance for Your Pet(s) as detailed in the Policy terms and conditions. This agreement also includes the Declarations Page, Your application and any endorsements.

2. **Definitions**

Defined terms are in bold print throughout the Policy for ease of reading.

- **Accident** means a sudden and unpreventable event that causes physical Injury to Your Pet(s).
- **Alternative Therapies** means Treatment that does not generally fall within the realm of conventional veterinary medicine as used by the American Association of Rehabilitation Veterinarians (AARV). These therapies include, but are not limited to, holistic, acupuncture and chiropractic Treatment, performed by a Veterinarian or a veterinary staff member under the direct supervision of a Veterinarian.
- **Annual Limit** means the maximum amount We will reimburse You for all Covered Expenses during a Policy year. Your Annual Limit is shown on the Declarations Page.
- **Behavioral Problems** means manifestations of a Pet exhibiting abnormal responses to stimuli, not caused by an underlying medical condition, including but not limited to, aggression, anxiety and destructive and/or compulsive behavior.
- **Bilateral Condition** means a condition or disease that affects both sides of the body (examples: cruciate ligament, cherry eye and lameness).
- **Coinsurance** means Your portion of Covered Expenses after the Deductible is met. Your Coinsurance amount is shown on the Declarations Page.
- **Complementary Therapies** means non-prescription Treatment(s) that are used alongside conventional medical therapies and have been prescribed by a Veterinarian. They are available from health shops, supermarkets, and pharmacies. Most of these Treatments are available for purchase over the counter.
- **Congenital** means an Illness, disease or condition that was present at or dated from the birth of Your Pet(s).
- **Coverage Period** means the time period specified on the Declarations Page beginning on the effective date and ending on the expiration date. All dates are as of 12:01 AM in the time zone of the Policyholder.
- **Covered Expenses** means the Reasonable and Customary charges for Medically Necessary Treatments provided by Your Veterinarian during the Policy period that are eligible for reimbursement under this Policy.
- **Declarations Page** means the page(s) sent to You with specific information about the Policy regarding Policy period, coverages, limits of liability and premiums.
- **Deductible** means the annual amount of Covered Expenses that must be paid by You for each Pet before We will pay a claim for Covered Expenses. Your Deductible is shown on the Declarations Page.
- **Dietary Indiscretion** describes gastrointestinal upset that occurs when a Pet ingests something its body cannot tolerate, including but not limited to, consumption of table scraps, garbage, or spoiled food. We consider this an Illness.
- **Foreign Body Ingestion** means the ingestion of a non-edible/non-digestible object(s) originating outside the body and ingested into the mouth and through the gastrointestinal tract leading to an obstruction or passing an item(s) on their own. We consider this an Accident.
- **Illness** means physical disease, sickness, infection, condition or failure, regardless of cause.
- **Incident** means a specifically identifiable Illness or Injury. Incident may include multiple diagnoses when they are secondary or related. If an Incident is recurring or chronic, it will be considered one (1) Incident.
- **Inherited** means an Illness, disease or condition whose presence is determined by genetic factors.
- **Injury** means physical damage caused by an Accident.
- **Medically Necessary** means medical services, supplies or care provided to treat covered Pet(s) which are:
  - consistent with Symptoms or diagnoses.
  - accepted as good veterinary practice standards.
  - not for the ease or at the request of the Pet(s) owner, Veterinarian or other providers.
  - consistent with proper supply or level of services which can be safely provided to the Pet(s).
- **Medical Waste Fees** mean the charges associated with the disposal of medical, surgical or chemotherapeutical waste.
- **Onset** means the beginning or first appearance of the signs or Symptoms of an Illness or Injury.
3. What is Covered

After satisfying the annual Deductible indicated on the Declarations Page, We will reimburse You in accordance with Your Policy, less any limitations and exclusions, the amount after the Coinsurance is applied for eligible Covered Expenses that are Medically Necessary to treat or diagnose a current covered Incident showing Symptoms during the Policy period but after the Waiting Period, including but not limited to:

a. Laboratory tests, x-rays, ultrasound, MRI and CT scans;
b. Surgery;
c. Hospitalization;
d. Prescription Medication that is prescribed by a Veterinarian;
e. Extractions to permanent broken teeth due to an Accident;
f. Chemotherapy;
g. Hydrotherapy and Physical Therapy;
h. Alternative and Complimentary Therapies;
   i. Emergency ground Pet Ambulance transportation in the case of an emergency;
j. Euthanasia when advised by a Veterinarian to alleviate suffering; and
k. Pre-existing Conditions after a three hundred and sixty-five (365) day Waiting Period.

Regardless of the number of claims made during the period of insurance, Our total liability of insurance for each Pet for all Covered Expenses will not exceed the amount shown on the Declarations Page under the Annual Limit, subject to Coinsurance and Deductible requirements and Per Incident Limits.
4. Waiting Periods for Coverage
There is a fourteen (14) day Waiting Period per Pet before We will cover an Illness, except for IVDD (Intervertebral Disc Disease) including slipped or herniated discs secondary to IVDD, where there is a one hundred and eighty (180)-day Waiting Period.

There is a two (2) day Waiting Period per Pet before We will cover an Injury, except for cruciate ligament related condition, where there is a one hundred and eighty (180)-day Waiting Period.

There is a three hundred and sixty-five (365) day Waiting Period per Pet before We will cover a Pre-existing Condition.

Waiting Periods are waived for subsequent renewals and add-on coverage from a preceding Policy year provided You maintain an active Policy, with no gap in coverage, annually renewed and continuously in-force.

If Your Pet was previously covered under an Independence American Insurance Company group pet insurance policy that was in effect immediately before the effective date (no gap in coverage) of this Policy, credit toward satisfying the Pre-Existing Condition Waiting Period and other Waiting Periods will be applied for the period of time the Pet was covered under the prior group pet insurance policy. Submission of the prior policy declarations page and/or the verification of premiums paid through payroll deduction may be required.

5. Exclusions
a. Pre-existing Conditions prior to the Waiting Period specified in section 4.
   Bilateral Conditions, presenting on one (1) side of the body will be considered Pre-existing Conditions. For example, a cruciate tear in the left leg that showed Symptoms prior to the Coverage Period or during a Waiting Period, a subsequent cruciate tear in the right leg will be considered a Pre-existing Condition.

b. IVDD (Intervertebral Disc Disease), if diagnosed treated or showing Symptoms prior to the Coverage Period or during a Waiting Period and any further episodes of IVDD or any future occurrence of this condition will be considered Pre-existing Condition.

c. Physical examination: including costs and/or fees for telephone consultation unless You purchase Optional ExamPlus Coverage.

d. Treatment that has been pre-paid but not yet performed.

e. Treatments or diagnostics of an Illness, Injury or service excluded by the Policy as well as secondary complications from such excluded Illness, Injury or service. Secondary complications include but are not limited to an Illness or Injury caused by an uncovered condition or the Treatment of an uncovered condition.

f. Intentional, neglectful or preventable acts caused by You, a member of Your household or any other person that has care, custody or control of Your Pet(s), that result in Illness or Injury to Your Pet(s).

g. Elective cosmetic, grooming, bathing and nail clipping, including any Illness or Injury that results from these services.

h. Fees to diagnose or treat any Illness or Injury related to breeding, pregnancy, whelping and nursing, unless You purchase the optional Breeder Coverage.

i. Any conditions related to teeth including but not limited to gingivitis, periodontal disease, root canals, caps and crowns, vital pulpotomies, deciduous teeth, diseased and abscessed teeth (except Medically Necessary extractions for permanent broken teeth due to an Accident). The cost of dental cleaning unless You purchase Optional DefenderPlus Coverage.

j. Preventive Care including, but not limited to, wellness exams, preventative Treatment, vaccinations, flea control and other parasite prevention, unless You purchase Optional Defender or DefenderPlus Coverage.

k. Spaying or neutering (including preventative sterilization surgery, such as for Treatment for cryptorchidism, chimerism or chromosomal abnormalities), unless You purchase Optional DefenderPlus Coverage.

l. All diets, Pet food, whether prescribed or not. This does not include a prescription diet used as the sole Treatment of a covered condition.

m. More than one (1) Illness or Injury for the life of a Pet arising from a repetitive and specific activity or similar activity that has previously occurred and displayed the propensity for this activity to happen again and cause Illness or Injury to Your Pet(s). Examples include, but are not limited to, foreign body ingestion, dogfights and toxin ingestion.

n. Diagnostics or Treatment for internal or external parasites, and any secondary Illness or Injury that may arise including, but not limited to, fleas, ticks, giardia, heartworms, and roundworms.

o. Air ambulance and non-emergency Pet Ambulance transportation.

p. Experimental, investigational Treatment, organ and tissue transplants or prosthesis.

q. Veterinary package discount cost, Sales tax, Medical Waste Fees, veterinary administrative, shipping and postage fees.

r. The cost of disposing of the remains of Your Pet(s) unless You have purchased the Optional SupportPlus Coverage.

s. Cost of Treatment for any Illness or Injury arising from Your decision to not follow Your Veterinarian’s advice including, but
not limited to, Illness for which a vaccine is available.

t. House calls, travel time, boarding and/or transportation.

u. Conditions resulting from activities related to training or participating in track or sled racing, guard security, law enforcement (unless authorized in advance by Us), working or organized fighting.

v. Illness or Injury caused by: a) enemy attack by armed forces, with or without a state of war, including actions taken in resisting the attack; b) insurrection; c) rebellion; d) revolution; e) invasion; f) civil war; g) illegal acts; h) usurped power; i) nuclear radioactive contamination; j) pandemic conditions; k) chemical, biological, biochemical or electromagnetic weapon; l) acts of foreign enemies; m) strikes; n) riots; o) civil commotion; p) epidemic; or q) avian or swine influenza or any mutant variation.

w. Anal gland expression. This does not include Prescription Medication and surgical Treatment for anal gland infection.

x. Treatment for Your Pet being obese or overweight, if not due to an underlying medical condition.


z. Final Expenses for Necropsy, cremation, urns, etc. unless you purchase Optional SupportPlus Coverage.

6. Optional Coverages

If chosen by You, and shown as applicable on the Declarations Page, the following optional coverages apply separately to each Pet per Policy year. Some coverage options may be restricted by Pets age at time of sign-up.

Defender DefenderPlus

We will reimburse You, if shown on the Declarations Page, for the Preventive Care listed below that Your Pet(s) receives from a licensed Veterinarian during the Policy period. Benefits will not exceed the Maximum Allowable Limits shown below. Coinsurance and Deductible requirements do not apply to Preventive Benefits.

Our total liability of each Pet for each Policy Year is shown in the Maximum Allowable Limits.

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*Benefits may be combined or separate up to the maximum allowable limit

SupportPlus

We will reimburse You, if shown on the Declarations Page, for the cost of final expenses for necropsy, cremation and urns upon the death of each Pet covered for such costs incurred after the Waiting Period and during the Coverage Period up to a maximum benefit of three hundred dollars ($300) subject to the Annual Limit amount. Coinsurance and Deductible provisions do not apply to SupportPlus Coverage.
We will reimburse You, if shown on the Declarations Page, for the Covered Expenses that occur during the Coverage Period subject to Policy limits and exclusion including, but not limited to, Coinsurance, Deductible and Annual Limit for physical examination; including costs and/or fees for telephone consultation; to diagnose a current covered Illness or Injury. This endorsement does not provide coverage for annual wellness office exams.

AlternativePlus
We will reimburse You, if shown on the Declarations Page, after a thirty (30) day Waiting Period, for the Covered Expenses that occur during the Coverage Period subject to Policy limits and exclusions including, but not limited to, Coinsurance, Deductible and Annual Limit, for Alternative and Complementary Therapies and the diagnosis and Treatment of Behavioral Problems. There is an Annual Limit of one thousand dollars ($1,000) for Behavioral Problems.

HereditaryPlus
We will reimburse You, if shown on the Declarations Page, after a thirty (30) day Waiting Period, for the Covered Expenses that occur during the Coverage Period, subject to the Policy limits and exclusions including, but not limited to Coinsurance, Deductible, and the Annual Limit for Congenital and Inherited conditions as well as Elbow Dysplasia, Hip Dysplasia, OCD (Osteochondritis Dissecans) Osteoarthritis, Spondylosis, Luxating Patella and Diabetes. Symptoms present prior to the Coverage Period or during the Waiting Period are considered Pre-Existing.

Breeder Coverage
We will reimburse You, if shown on the Declarations Page, after a thirty (30) day Waiting Period, for any Illness or Injury that occurs during the Coverage Period, subject to Policy limits and exclusions including, but not limited to, Coinsurance, Deductible and Annual Limit, for Treatment related to breeding, pregnancy, giving birth, and nursing including, but not limited to, emergency c-sections, mastitis, metritis, pyometra, uterine/vaginal stricture or prolapse, eclampsia, gestational diabetes, pregnancy-related liver failure, complications from dystocia and complications from retained placenta. This endorsement does not provide coverage for planned c-sections, artificial insemination or other elective, wellness or preventive Treatment related to breeding, pregnancy, giving birth and nursing.

7. General Conditions
   a. This Policy only applies to losses that occur and are treated within the United States, its territories and possessions, and Canada. No coverage exists for an Incident or Treatment that occurs outside of the above territories.
   b. If a claim arises under this Policy and there is any other insurance providing Coverage to Your Pet(s), this Policy is excess insurance. This Policy will only apply to any claim costs once all other valid and collectible insurance has been exhausted, and then only for the excess amount not covered by the other insurance, always subject to the terms and conditions of this Policy. It is Your responsibility to notify Us if other insurance is in place.
   c. We will not insure Your Pet under more than one (1) Pet insurance Policy with Us during any Policy period. If We find that an insured has more than one (1) such Policy with Us, coverage will be provided under the Policy that has been in force for the longer period of time.
   d. Your Pet(s) must receive an annual physical exam, as well as all prescribed vaccines as advised by Your Veterinarian.
   e. You must follow and carry out the Veterinarian's advice and show reasonable care to protect the Pet(s) from harm.
   f. You are the owner of Your Pet(s).
   g. Coverage for Your Pet(s) will cease if ownership is changed.
   h. If any Policy wording conflicts with the laws of the state in which this Policy is issued, the wording will be amended to meet the laws of that state.
   i. Authorized representatives must be added by the Policyholder. Any authorized representative may cancel or change the Policy. The action of any authorized representative will be binding.
   j. Continuing coverage for a covered Incident from a preceding Policy is subject to the terms and conditions of this Policy. Per Incident Limits for any covered expense under a previous Policy will not reset at Policy renewal or replacement. In the case of continuous coverage where a Per Incident Limit is lower than the previous term, the lower Per Incident Limit will apply.
   k. As noted in the terms and conditions of this insurance, provided to and accepted by You prior to purchase, and as evidenced by the payment of premiums, You agreed that this Policy, endorsements and any other notices may be delivered to You by electronic mail via the internet at Our option. All Policy forms, any notices and endorsements are available to You, at Your request, in paper form at no charge to You. A copy of Your Policy is available on Our customer portal.
l. **Your Policy** will become legally binding once **You** have paid **Your** premium. The premium is due when **You** take out a new **Policy** and when **You** renew an existing **Policy**. **Your Policy** is an annual contract of insurance with a monthly and annual payment option. Premiums must be paid in full and on time to maintain coverage.

m. This **Policy** will automatically renew unless **We** receive a cancellation or intent to not renew notice from **You** before the renewal date. Premiums may increase at renewal for: Pet age, veterinary cost inflation, actuarial changes, address changes, **Annual Limit** increase and other **Policy** parameters. **You** will be provided a renewal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to **Your Policy** renewal.

n. If **You** wish to make changes to **Your** coverage, please contact **Us**. Any change is subject to underwriting and **Our** approval. Certain changes may result in a new enrollment, which would terminate **Your** existing **Policy** and reset the **Waiting Period** and the determination of **Pre-existing Conditions**.

o. Each named insured may receive certain promotional offers, which includes, but is not limited to, gift cards, coupons, gift certificates, and items of merchandise. The maximum value of any promotional item will not exceed the maximum dollar amount allowed in the state of residence.

p. From time to time, at **Our** option and in compliance with all applicable law, **We** may advertise special promotions or offer the policyholder free gifts, including small cash rewards and incentives, for customer referrals or if the person recommended to **Us** purchases a **Policy**.

q. From time to time, at **Our** option and in compliance with all applicable law, **We** may offer value added benefits or services directly relating to this coverage that may assist in the service of the **Policy**, mitigate loss or provide loss control that aligns with the risks of the **Policy**.

r. Benefits are not assignable except that **You** may direct **Us** to pay benefits to the Veterinary provider on whose charges any claim is based. Any such payment that **We** make will fully discharge **Us** to the extent of the payment.

s. This **Policy** is valid for a period of twelve (12) months (three hundred and sixty-five (365) days) from effective date.

8. **Renewal, Cancellation and Nonrenewal**

8.a. **We** will automatically renew **Your Policy** at expiration unless **You** are otherwise notified of nonrenewal.

8.b. **You** may cancel this **Policy** at any time by providing to **Us** advance notice of cancellation or **Your** intent to not renew.

8.c. **We** may cancel this **Policy** by mailing or delivering to **You** written notice of cancellation at least:

i. Thirty (30) days before the date of cancellation if **We** cancel for nonpayment of premium.

ii. Thirty (30) days before the date of cancellation if **We** cancel for any other reason.

8.d. **We** will mail or deliver **Our** notice of cancellation or nonrenewal to **Your** last mailing address known to **Us**.

8.e. Notice of cancellation will state the reason for cancellation and the effective date of cancellation. Insurance coverage under this **Policy** will end on that date.

8.f. After this **Policy** has been in effect for more than ninety (90) days **We** may cancel only for one (1) or more of the following reasons:

i. Nonpayment of premium;

ii. This **Policy** was obtained through a material misrepresentation;

iii. Any insured violates any of the material terms and conditions of the **Policy**;

iv. Unfavorable underwriting conditions specific to **You** exist that were not present at **Policy** inception

v. A determination by the state of Kansas that continuation of coverage could place us in a hazardous financial condition of place us in violation of the laws of Kansas; or

vi. A determination by the state of Kansas that **We** no longer have adequate reinsurance to meet **Our** needs.

8.g. **We** may elect to nonrenew this **Policy** on the expiration date shown on the **Declarations Page**. **We** may do so by mailing to **You** written notice, stating the reason for nonrenewal, at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date of **Your Policy**.

8.h. If notice of cancellation or nonrenewal is mailed, proof of mailing will be sufficient proof of notice.

8.i. If either **You** or **We** cancel the **Policy**, **We** will refund **You** any unearned premium on a daily pro-rata basis.

8.j. **We** may change the premium, **Coinsurance** amounts, annual **Deductibles** and **Policy** terms and conditions at renewal. **You** will be notified of all changes in writing at least thirty (30) days before the renewal date.

8.k. If **You** intentionally misrepresent or conceal any material fact that **We** rely on to issue or administer coverage, **We** may cancel **Your Policy** effective the date of discovery of the germane misrepresentation.

8.l. The first time **You** enroll **Your Pet(s)** in one (1) of **Our Policies** **You** have thirty (30) days from the effective date to cancel and receive **Your** paid premium back in full, as long as **You** have not filed a claim.

8.m. After the first thirty (30) days of the **Policy** period, **We** will compute any refund due on a daily pro-rata basis.
9. Claims Conditions

a. In the event You incur a loss You must notify Us by providing the following:
   i. A completed claim form within one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days, or as soon as practicable, of the date of Treatment or veterinary services or date of receipt furnished to You in connection for such Treatment or veterinary services.
   ii. Invoices from Your treating Veterinarian listing the services performed, products provided and the itemized charges for Treatment, including packages and/or discounts.
   iii. A payment receipt when submitting a handwritten invoice. If payment receipt is not provided the invoice will be verified with Your Veterinarian prior to claim processing.

b. We reserve the right to ask for information from any Veterinarian that has ever seen Your Pet(s) to assess its health.

c. We, at Our expense, have the right to have any covered Pet(s) examined by a Veterinarian of Our choice as often as reasonably necessary while a claim is pending.

d. If You disagree with the decision made by Us, You have the right to have any covered Pet(s) examined by a Veterinarian of Our choice as often as reasonably necessary while a claim is pending.

e. If We pay a claim contrary to this Policy's terms and conditions, that payment does not waive Our rights to apply those terms and conditions to any paid or any future claim. We also have the right to stop payment or recover from You any claim amount paid incorrectly.

f. If You or anyone acting on Your behalf submits a fraudulent claim, We may deny any current or future claim and cancel Your Policy.

g. No action can be taken against Us unless You have complied with all of the terms and conditions of this Policy, and ninety-one (91) days has elapsed after proof of loss is filed and the amount of loss is determined as provided in this Policy. You will have sixty (60) months from the date the claim is denied to take legal action against Us with respect to recovery of a claim under this Policy.

h. It is hereby mutually agreed that any dispute or difference of agreement arising between Us and the Policyholder with respect to this agreement shall be submitted to arbitration under rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA). The place of Arbitration will be New York unless the laws of the state of the insured dictate otherwise.

i. You must cooperate with Us in the investigation or settlement of any claim.

j. Any claim for an Illness or Injury where a final diagnosis has not been made will be pended as ineligible until We receive written documentation from Your Veterinarian with the definitive diagnosis.

Send Correspondence to:
PetPartners, Inc.
PO Box 37940
Raleigh, NC 27627-7940

The Company has caused this Policy to be executed, attested and countersigned by an authorized representative of the Company.

Jon Dubauskas
President

Sammi-Jo Nevin
Secretary