INDEPENDENCE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

CompanionCare
Terms and Conditions

RIGHT TO EXAMINE AND RETURN A POLICY

You have 30 days from the day You receive this Policy to review it and return it to the company if You decide not to keep it. You do not have to tell Us why You are returning it. If You decide not to keep it, simply return it to Us at Our administrative office or You may return it to the insurance producer that You bought it from as long as You have not filed a Claim. You must return it within 30 days of the day You first received it. We will refund the full amount of any premium paid within 30 days after We receive the returned Policy. The premium refund will be sent directly to the person who paid it. The Policy will be void as if it had never been issued.

DISCLOSURE OF AVAILABILITY OF ASSISTANCE

State of Mississippi
Mississippi Insurance Department
1001 Woolfolk State Office Building
501 N. West Street
Jackson, MS 39201
Toll-Free Telephone Number: (800) 562-2957
Website: https://www.mid.ms.gov

Independence American Insurance Company
11333 North Scottsdale Road, Suite 160
Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Administrator’s Customer Service Toll-Free Telephone Number:
Contact PetPartners, Inc., at 1 (866) 774-1113

Administrator’s Website Link:
https://www.petpartners.com

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Underwritten by Independence American Insurance Company
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 and any endorsements.

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

a. **Accident** means a sudden and unpreventable event that causes physical Injury to Your Pet(s).

b. **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.

c. **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.

d. **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.

e. **Bilateral Condition** means a condition or disease that affects both sides of the body (examples: cruciate ligament, cherry eye and lameness).

f. **Chronic Condition** means a condition that can be treated or managed, but not cured.

g. **Coinsurance** means Your portion of Covered Expenses after the Deductible is met. Your Coinsurance amount is shown on the Declarations Page.

h. **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.

i. **Congenital Anomaly** or **Congenital Disorder** means a condition that is present from birth, whether inherited or caused by the environment, which may cause or contribute to Illness or disease.

j. **Coverage Period** means the time period specified on the Declarations Page beginning on the effective date and ending on the expiration date. For purposes of this Policy, a date begins immediately after midnight in the local time zone of the Policyholder, and a date ends exactly at midnight in the local time zone of the Policyholder.

k. **Covered Expenses** means the Veterinary Expenses for Medically Necessary Treatments provided by Your Veterinarian during the Policy period that are eligible for reimbursement under this Policy.

l. **Declarations Page** means the page(s) sent to You with specific information about the Policy regarding Policy period, coverages, limits of liability and premiums.

m. **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.

n. **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.

o. **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.

p. **Hereditary Disorder** means an abnormality that is genetically transmitted from parent to offspring and may cause Illness or disease.

q. **Illness** means physical disease, sickness, infection, condition or failure, regardless of cause. **Orthopedic conditions**, with the exception of broken bones only, are considered Orthopedic Illnesses under this policy.

r. **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.

s. **Injury** means physical damage caused by an Accident. Orthopedic Injuries are broken bones only.

t. **Ligament and Knee Conditions** means Orthopedic Illnesses involving a ligament, patella, meniscus or soft tissue disorder of the knee. These are considered bilateral and related, regardless of cause; meaning an occurrence on one side of the body affects both sides of the body.

u. **Medically Necessary** means medical services, supplies or care provided to treat covered Pet(s) which are:

  i. consistent with Symptoms or diagnoses.
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 Coverage 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 **Veterninarian**;
e. Extractions to permanent broken teeth due to an **Accident**;
f. Chemotherapy;
g. Hydrotherapy and Physical Therapy;
h. Emergency ground **Pet Ambulance** transportation in the case of an emergency;
i. Euthanasia when advised by a **Veterninarian** to alleviate suffering; and
j. Routine anal gland expression performed by or under the direction of a **Veterninarian** up to the maximum number of services per year as shown on the **Declarations Page**. This benefit is subject to the **Deductible**, **Coinsurance**, and **Annual Limit**.

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**

Any applicable **Waiting Period** begins on the **Pet’s Original Start Date**. Once an applicable **Waiting Period** has expired, as calculated from the **Pet’s Original Start Date**, additional **Waiting Periods** are waived for subsequent **Coverage Periods**, provided You maintain an active **Policy**, with no gap in coverage, and no substantial change in coverage, which is continuously in-force and **Renewed** annually.

**This Policy** includes **Waiting Periods** for the following:

a) **Illnesses**;
b) **Orthopedic Illnesses**;
c) **Congenital Anomalies** or **Congenital Disorders, Hereditary Disorders**, if Your coverage includes Hereditary Plus coverage.
d) Any **Illness** related to breeding, pregnancy, whelping, and nursing, if Your coverage includes Breeding coverage.  
e) **Alternative Therapies, Complementary Therapies**, and diagnosis and **Treatment of Behavioral Problems**, if Your coverage includes AlternativePlus coverage.

All applicable **Waiting Periods** will be shown on **Your Declarations Page**.

**This Policy** does not apply any **Waiting Periods**:

a) To **Injures** sustained in an **Accident**.
b) To **Orthopedic** Injuries sustained in an **Accident**.
c) Upon **Renewal** of existing coverage.

5. **Waiting Period Waiver**

One or all of the applicable **Waiting Periods** can be waived. A **Veterninarian** must conduct a full and complete veterinary examination within 7 days of the **Pet’s Original Start Date**. This veterinary examination must be paid for by You and is not eligible for coverage under this **Policy**. The examining **Veterninarian** must fully complete Our waiting period waiver form. The waiting period waiver form is available from Us upon request.

The waiting period waiver form must be completed and signed by the examining **Veterninarian** and submitted to Us on the day you obtain the examination from **Your Veterninarian** in order to be considered by Us for waiver of an applicable **Waiting Period**. Within 30 days of Our receipt of the waiting period waiver form, We will advise You of Our decision to either waive some or all of the **Waiting Periods** for the Pet, or not to waive any of the **Pet’s** applicable **Waiting Periods**.

6. **Credit for Prior Coverage**

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 of this **Policy**, credit toward satisfying any applicable **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’s declarations page and the verification of premiums paid through payroll deduction may be required.
7. Exclusions

a. Pre-existing Conditions. This exclusion expires on the date after coverage has been continuously in effect for three hundred and sixty-five (365) days from the Pet Original Start Date.

b. Veterinary Expenses or Treatment related to, provided in connection with, or resulting directly or indirectly from, a Pre-Existing Condition. This exclusion expires on the date after coverage has been continuously in effect for three hundred and sixty-five (365) days from the Pet Original Start Date.

c. Veterinary Expenses or Treatment related to Bilateral Conditions of Pre-Existing Conditions. This exclusion expires on the date after coverage has been continuously in effect for three hundred and sixty-five (365) days from the Pet Original Start Date.

d. Physical examination: including costs and/or fees for telephone consultation, unless You purchase optional ExamPlus coverage.

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

f. 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.

g. 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).

h. Veterinary Expenses arising from Treatment performed by You, a member of Your household, or a member of Your immediate family, regardless of whether the person performing services holds a valid license to practice veterinary medicine from an appropriate licensing entity. For purposes of this exclusion, a member of Your immediate family includes Your: spouse or domestic partner; child, adopted child; siblings or stepsiblings; parent or stepparent; grandparent; and grandchild.

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

j. Fees to diagnose or treat any Illness or Injury related to breeding, pregnancy, whelping and nursing, unless You purchase the optional Breeding coverage.

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

l. Preventive Care including, but not limited to, annual exams, preventive Treatment, vaccinations, flea control and other parasite prevention, unless You purchase optional Defender or DefenderPlus coverage.

m. Spaying or neutering, (regardless of whether it is Medically Necessary), unless You purchase optional DefenderPlus coverage.

n. All diets and Pet food, whether prescribed or not. This exclusion does not apply to Y/D made by Hills Prescription Diet which is used to treat hyperthyroid in cats, that is eligible for coverage when being used as the sole Treatment of the condition.

o. 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.

p. 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.

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

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

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

t. The cost of disposing of the remains of Your Pet(s), unless You purchased the optional SupportPlus coverage.

u. 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.

v. House calls by a Veterinarian, unless You purchase optional ExamPlus coverage. Expenses for travel time, boarding costs, and/or transportation costs are not covered under this Policy, or under the optional ExamPlus coverage, if purchased.

w. Unless authorized by Us, Treatment for conditions resulting from activities related to training or participating in track or sled racing, guard security, law enforcement, working or organized fighting.

x. 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.

y. Treatment for Your Pet being obese or overweight, if not due to an underlying medical condition.
z. **Congenital Anomalies** or **Congenital Disorders** unless **You** purchase optional HereditaryPlus coverage. In the event **Congenital Anomalies** or **Congenital Disorders** are also an **Orthopedic Illness**, such **Orthopedic Illness** is not eligible for coverage unless **You** purchase the HereditaryPlus coverage.

aa. **Hereditary Disorders** unless **You** purchase the optional HereditaryPlus coverage. In the event that the **Hereditary Disorder** is also an **Orthopedic Illness**, such **Orthopedic Illness** is not eligible for coverage unless **You** purchase the HereditaryPlus coverage.

bb. Expenses for final respects, including but not limited to necropsy, cremation, urns, caskets, and burial, unless **You** purchase optional SupportPlus coverage.

c. Expenses for **Alternative Therapies**, **Complementary Therapies**, and **Behavioral Problems** unless **You** purchase the optional AlternativePlus coverage.

8. **Optional Coverages**

If chosen by **You**, and shown as applicable on the Declarations Page, the following optional coverages apply separately to each **Pet** per **Coverage Period**. Some coverage options may be restricted by **Your Pets’** age at the time coverage is elected. Some coverage options may include a separate **Waiting Period** that applies separately to each **Pet**. Any applicable **Waiting Periods** are shown on Your Declarations Page.

**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 **Coverage Period**. Benefits will not exceed the Maximum Allowable Limits shown below. **Coinsurance** and **Deductible** do not apply to **Preventive Care**.

**Our** total liability of each **Pet** for each **Coverage Period** is shown in the Maximum Allowable Limits.

**Preventive Care Benefit Schedule**

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<td>Spay/Neuter or Teeth Cleaning*</td>
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<td>Vaccination/Titer</td>
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<td>Heartworm test or FELV (Feline Leukemia Virus) Screening</td>
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*Benefits may be combined or separated up to the **Maximum Allowable Limit** shown.*

**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 do not apply to SupportPlus Coverage.

ExamPlus
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 exclusions including, but not limited to, Coinsurance, Deductible and Annual Limit for physical examination; including costs and/or fees for telephone consultations and house calls by a Veterinarian to diagnose a current covered Illness or Injury. This optional coverage does not provide coverage for annual preventive care (wellness) examinations, or for the Veterinarian’s travel costs or service fees for a house call.

AlternativePlus
We will reimburse You, if shown on the Declarations Page, after any applicable 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 Therapies, 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 any applicable 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 Annual Limit for Congenital Anomalies, Congenital Disorders, and Hereditary Disorders.

Breeding Coverage
We will reimburse You, if shown on the Declarations Page, after any applicable 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 (not including c-sections for breeds of animals that are known not to be able to give birth naturally), mastitis, metritis, pyometra, uterine/vaginal stricture or prolapse, eclampsia, gestational diabetes, pregnancy-related liver failure, complications from dystocia and complications from retained placenta. This optional coverage does not provide benefits for planned c-sections, artificial insemination or other elective, wellness or preventive Treatment related to breeding, pregnancy, giving birth and nursing. This optional coverage does not provide benefits for planned c-sections needed for breeds of animals that are known not to be able to give birth naturally.

9. 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.

c. We will not insure Your Pet under more than one (1) Pet insurance Policy with Us during any Coverage 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 Coverage Period is subject to the terms and conditions of this Policy. Per Incident Limits for any covered expense under a previous Coverage Period will not reset at Policy Renewal or replacement. In the case of continuous coverage where the Per Incident Limit is lower than in the previous Coverage Period, the lower Per Incident Limit will apply.
k. By accepting the terms of this Policy as evidenced by the payment of premiums, it is agreed that this Policy, endorsements and any other notices may be delivered to You by electronic mail or via an internet portal at Our option. All Policy forms, any notices and endorsements are available, 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 activate Your 30-Day coverage. In order to continue coverage, Your premium (monthly or annual) must be paid before the end of Your 30-Day 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.

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. Once the thirty (30) day coverage period is activated, We will provide benefits for Covered Expenses that occur during the initial thirty (30) day period. Coverage is subject to any Waiting Periods and exclusions.

t. Your Policy will expire thirty (30) days after inception unless premiums are paid. If coverage continues after the thirty (30) day period, You must pay Us the premium, monthly or annual, to continue the Policy. Your Policy will continue as a twelve (12) month Policy expiring twelve (12) months from the inception date of Your Policy. You must comply with all terms and conditions of the twelve (12) month Policy that is issued to You.

10. Renewal, Cancellation and Nonrenewal

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

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

c. We may cancel this Policy by mailing or delivering to You written notice of cancellation at least:
   i. Ten (10) days or as applicable by state law, whichever is greater, before the date of cancellation if We cancel for nonpayment of premium.
   ii. Thirty (30) days or as applicable by state law, whichever is greater, before the date of cancellation if We cancel for any other reason.

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

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.

f. 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 forty-five (45) days or as applicable by state law, whichever is greater, prior to the expiration date of Your Policy.

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

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

i. 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.

j. 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.

k. After the first thirty (30) days of the Coverage Period, We will compute any refund due on a daily pro-rata basis.
You may make changes to coverage only at Policy Renewal. Any requested changes in coverage under this Policy must be reviewed and approved by Us.

If You choose to make certain changes to coverage at Renewal, Your coverage for the next Coverage Period may be substantially different from the coverage during the existing Coverage Period and will result in a new enrollment and the issuance of a separate and distinct subsequent Policy rather than a Renewal of this Policy. This means Your existing Policy will expire at the end of its Coverage Period and coverage will not be considered continuous. When the subsequent Policy is issued, it will trigger the start of a brand-new effective date of that Policy as well as a new Pet Original Start Date for any covered Pet. Applicable Waiting Periods will be reset as of the new Policy's effective date. In addition, Pre-existing Conditions will be determined based upon the new Policy's effective date.

If You elect at Policy Renewal to change Your coverage resulting in the issuance of a subsequent Policy rather than a Renewal of this Policy, We may provide credit for prior coverage subject to Our approval and Our underwriting guidelines.

12. 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 an appeal. Any claim submitted for reconsideration must be submitted within sixty (60) days, or as soon as reasonably practicable, of the decision and must be in writing on a Claims Redetermination Request Form which is available from Us. If the appeal is regarding a disagreement over medical facts, rather than Policy coverage or terms, We may, at Our own discretion, consult with an impartial Veterinarian selected by Us, who is independent, not controlled by Us, and not involved in the handling of Your claim, to conduct a review. Any such redetermination by the impartial Veterinarian will be binding on Us.
   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 thirty-six (36) 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 Mississippi unless the laws of Mississippi 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

IAIC PPI AI POL 007 0124 MS Underwritten by Independence American Insurance Company
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