



Accident & health insurance for dogs and cats

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The most important information in a nutshell

Note: The German version of our insurance conditions is authoritative and forms the basis for the other language versions. The latter is provided for information purposes only.

The following customer information gives you an overview of the identity of the insurer and the essential content of the insurance contract (Art. 3 of the Federal Act on Insurance Contracts (ICA)). The rights and obligations of the contracting parties result from the offer / application or the policy and the contract conditions. In addition, the provisions of the ICA apply.

In this document, policyholders and third parties are referred to in the feminine form for reasons of readability. This, of course, also refers to males.

Who is the insurer?

Simpego Versicherungen AG, Hohlstrasse 556, 8048 Zurich (hereinafter referred to as simpego), a public limited company domiciled in Switzerland.

When does the contract begin and end?

Insurance coverage begins on the date specified in the offer / application or in the policy. For illnesses, there is a 30-day waiting period (blocking period) from the start of insurance. This means, in this period we are unable to pay for the treatment of illnesses.

The insurance is valid for one year. At expiration, the policyholder will receive a renewal offer from simpego. The contract is renewed at the offered conditions, unless the insurance contract is cancelled in writing or in another form

that allows proof by text.

Both contracting parties may terminate the contract in writing at any time. The termination always becomes effective only on the last day of the current month in which the notice of termination is received by simpego or the policyholder. In the event of any claim resulting in a benefit / payout, each party shall likewise have the right to terminate the contract. If an insurance contract is terminated / cancelled prematurely (during the year), the insurance premium is owed only for the period until the contract is terminated / cancelled.

However, in the following cases, the premium is due for the entire current insurance period:

- if the policyholder cancels the insurance contract in the first contract year after it was concluded, but a claim has already been paid out in that year.

When and how can the contract be revoked?

The policyholder may revoke the insurance contract within 14 days of consent (submission of the application to conclude the contract or acceptance of the contract) in writing or in another form that allows proof by text. The revocation period begins as soon as the policyholder has applied for or accepted the contract. The deadline is met if the policyholder notifies simpego of the revocation on the last day of the revocation period or delivers the notice of revocation to the post office. The parties must refund any benefits already



received.

What risks are insured?

The insured risks as well as the scope of the insurance coverage result from your personal policy as well as from the insurance conditions.

The insurance covers the pets listed in the policy and the veterinary expenses incurred from the treatments of the listed pets.

We insure veterinary expenses caused by e.g.:

- Accident and illness
- Dental treatments
- Complementary treatments
- Preventive treatments
- Behavioral treatments

The treatment must be recommended and carried out by a veterinarian.

For example, we do not cover costs for:

- treatment provided at the request of the policyholder and not prescribed by a veterinarian.
- plastic surgery and reconstructive surgery for beauty purposes.
- Birth defects and hereditary diseases of **extreme breeds** and cross-breeds thereof.

Where does the insurance cover apply?

Insurance coverage for the insured pets is provided worldwide, if stated on the policy.

When does the insurance cover apply?

Only events that occur during the term of the contract are insured.

How much is the premium and when is it due?

The amount of the premium and its due date are specified in the policy.

What are the main obligations of the policyholder?

- The welfare of the animal is paramount. The policyholder must at all times respect the provisions of the Swiss Animal Welfare Act and treat her pet to the best of her knowledge and belief.
- We recommend that the policyholder have her pet examined regularly (but at least every 12 months) by a veterinarian and comply with the vaccination recommendations. A failure to do so may result in a reduction in benefits if there is a connection between the treatment and the absence of regular examinations.
- The policyholder has a reporting, information and documentation obligation; in particular, upon the occurrence of the insured event, the claim has to be immediately reported.
- It is very important that the policyholder provides accurate information when purchasing insurance for her pet. If the policyholder intentionally provides false information, acts dishonestly or makes an exaggerated or false claim, we will be forced to:
 - Cancel or rescind your policy,
 - not to pay the claim and
 - withhold all premiums from the date of the fraudulent claim.

Further duties and obligations are listed in paragraph 4.1 and 4.2.

When, how and where can a claim be filed?

A claim must be filed with simpego as soon as possible after the event. We are available around the clock. The vet visit



can be submitted by telephone or online.

- By phone: +41 58 521 11 11
- Online: [simpego.ch/pet/damage](https://www.simpego.ch/pet/damage)

How does simpego protect my data?

The privacy of our customers and the responsible and legally compliant handling of data are very important to

us. When processing personal data, we comply at all times with applicable law, in particular Swiss data protection law and the EU General Data Protection Regulation (EU GDPR).

Click here for our privacy policy

[simpego.ch/en/privacy](https://www.simpego.ch/en/privacy).



General Conditions of Insurance (GCI)

1 Insurance coverage

1.1. Insured pets

Pets listed on the policy (dogs and cats) are insured.

1.2. Insured risks/insured event base package

The coverages you choose, the sums insured, the deductibles, and the co-payment are listed on your personal policy. All subsequent treatments must be recommended and provided by a veterinarian. We will not pay for any treatment you request and that is not prescribed or performed by a veterinarian. Veterinarians are reimbursed for their services according to the reference rate of simpego.

We recommend that you have your pet checked by a veterinarian at least every 12 months (including dental check-up) and that you comply with the veterinarian's vaccination and treatment recommendations. Failure to have regular checkups or to follow the veterinarian's recommendations may result in a reduction in benefits if there is a connection between the above recommendation and the condition being treated.

General veterinary treatment in case of accident and illness

- If the veterinarian or veterinary practice assistant in charge recommends treatment for your pet, we will cover the cost of that treatment.
- The treatment must be performed by a veterinary or a veterinary nurse.

Exclusions

- We do not cover the costs of plastic surgery and reconstructive surgery for aesthetic reasons and their consequences.

Dental treatment

- We cover the cost of dental treatments ordered by your veterinarian due to dental disease or accidents.
- We only pay for crowns if they are necessary due to an accident.

Exclusions

- We do not pay for treatments that could have been prevented by an annual dental checkup. Regular check-ups will help you and your pet avoid the development of serious diseases.

Preventive treatment

- For preventive treatments, we will cover the costs up to the sum insured listed in the policy for:
 - a. vaccinations,



- b. neutering,
- c. scaling,
- d. flea and worming treatments,
- e. the annual veterinary check-up.

No costs are covered for other preventive treatments.

Emergency minding

- If you or a family member must be hospitalized as an emergency, we will cover the cost for pet boarding or a pet sitter.
- If you have to stay in the hospital longer than expected due to complications during pregnancy or childbirth, we will pay for pet minding costs.

Exclusions

- We will not pay for pet minding during a planned stay in the hospital. Unless complications arise that result in an extended stay in the hospital.
- We do not pay for pet minding if you go to the hospital for routine treatment.

Emergency treatment

- If your veterinarian decides that treatment outside of consultation hours is necessary, we will cover the additional veterinary expenses / treatment costs incurred due to the emergency.
- If the veterinarian in charge decides that the illness is life-threatening or that transportation would endanger your pet, we will cover the cost of a home visit by a veterinarian.

Exclusions

- We do not pay for home visits by a veterinarian if your pet can be treated in the veterinary practice.
- We will not pay if your veterinarian has the opinion that treatment can wait until normal consultation hours.

Complementary treatment

- If your pet needs
 - a. hydrotherapy,
 - b. a treatment with homeopathic or herbal medication,
 - c. acupuncture,
 - d. physiotherapy,
 - e. chiropractic or
 - f. a laser therapy,

the costs will be covered by us. Complementary treatments must be recommended and performed by a therapist or veterinarian with appropriate training. Homeopaths and animal health therapists who are members of the professional associations [HVS](#), [BTS](#), [SVTPT](#) or professional associations with equivalent training are considered to be professionals recognized by simpego.



Advanced treatments

- We will cover the cost of stem cell treatment, gene therapy, transplant surgery with pre- and post-transplant care, and prosthetic devices if your veterinarian recommends it and all other options have been exhausted.

Exclusions

- We do not cover the cost of other advanced treatments.

Behavioral treatments

- We will pay for behavioral treatments if your pet has been referred to a behavior specialist by your veterinarian. Your pet's behavioral disorder must be treated by a behavioral medicine specialist. Professionals recognized by simpego are veterinarians who are members of the [STVV](#) association or professional associations with equivalent training.

Exclusions

- We will not pay for behavioral health treatment if the condition is attributed to poor parenting by a specialist in behavioral health.
- We do not cover the costs of behavioral treatments if the pet, according to the provisions of the Swiss Animal Protection Act (TSchG) and Animal Protection Ordinance (TSchV), was not kept in a species-appropriate manner.

Food

- We will cover the cost of prescription food prescribed by your veterinarian as part of your pet's treatment for an illness or injury.

Exclusions

- We do not reimburse for food prescribed for weight loss.
- We do not reimburse for food supplements.

1.3. Insured risks / insured event additional coverages

Worldwide protection

- We cover the cost of treatment abroad, of a veterinarian recognized by the authority according to the reference tariff in the respective country. The maximum duration from initial treatment to completion of treatment must not exceed 24 months.

Exclusions

- We do not cover the cost of treating your pet abroad if you travel abroad specifically for your pet's treatment.

Pre-existing conditions

- We will cover the cost of treatment for pre-existing conditions, including chronic conditions, for which your pet has received treatment or been diagnosed in the 24 months prior to the start of the policy. If the last treatment or diagnosis was more than 24 months ago, we will consider it a new condition. As of this date, the maximum sum insured from the base package applies.



- The sum insured for pre-existing conditions increases with each year you do not make a claim: CHF 700 (year 1); CHF 1'400 (year 2).
- If you submit a claim for a pre-existing condition in the first two years, we will pay it up to the amount of the sum insured applicable at that time. The sum insured is then reset to CHF 700 for the next year. In subsequent years, the sum insured increases as described above if no new claims are submitted.

Exclusions

- We cannot pay for injuries and illnesses for which your pet has been treated or diagnosed in the last 3 months before the start of the insurance policy.
- For chronic diseases diagnosed or treated before the start of insurance policy, there is a waiting period of 90 days beginning with the start date on your insurance policy. Thus, chronic pre-existing conditions, regardless of whether the insured pet was receiving treatment within the 90 day prior to the policy start date, will be covered after the 90 day waiting period.

Damage to rented property by pets

- The insurance covers damage caused by wear and tear and gradual damage (such as scratches in the parquet flooring that have only occurred through repeated scratching) caused by insured animals to premises rented for private purposes in Switzerland by the insured persons if the rental period is at least 6 months.
- We will pay the costs the policyholder has to pay for the repair or replacement of the damaged item. The benefit is limited to the amount specified in the insurance contract. This coverage is a subsidiary coverage and only applies if the coverage damage to rented property by pets is not included in another insurance policy (e.g. private liability insurance). It is not relevant whether the other insurance provides a benefit.

Exclusions

No insurance coverage is provided for damages:

- which were caused by gross negligence or intentionally / wilfully
- which had to be expected with high probability (e.g. domestic cats without litter box)

1.4. Risk exclusions

We cannot provide insurance benefits in the following cases:

- Treatments and surgeries not recommended / prescribed and provided by a veterinarian or a recognized professional.
- If there is a connection between the recommended missed annual veterinary check-up or the failure to attend the veterinarian's vaccination and treatment recommendation and an accident or illness of the animal, benefits may be reduced or denied.
- All costs of treating a disease if your pet has not received the vaccination against it but was recommended by your veterinarian.
- If your pet is younger than 8 weeks old.
- In the event of a claim, there is a waiting period for:
 - In the event of a claim, there is a waiting period of 30 days after the start of insurance for illnesses as well as hereditary diseases and / or birth defects. The



waiting period does not apply if your pet was previously insured without a pause with another insurance company. We cannot waive the waiting period if your previous insurer has cancelled your insurance or insurance for your pet has been refused by another insurer.

- b. In the event of a claim, there is a waiting period of 90 days from the start of insurance for chronic illnesses, provided that the illness was diagnosed before the start of insurance and the additional coverage "pre-existing conditions" was selected.

These waiting periods also apply to a pet that is newly added to the policy. No waiting period applies in the event of an accident, emergency or for the reimbursement of preventive treatments.

- f. In the event of pre-existing conditions or chronic illnesses diagnosed or treated prior to the start date of the contract, as well as their consequences. Pre-existing conditions or chronic illnesses under the additional coverage "Pre-existing conditions" are excluded. In this case, the provisions on pre-existing conditions according to Article 1.3. in conjunction with 1.4 b. e. and 1.4 g. apply.
- g. Pre-existing conditions diagnosed or treated within 90 days prior to the policy start date are not covered under the "pre-existing conditions" coverage.
- h. For veterinary reports and identification cards prepared at your request.
- i. For costs of registration of the animal and the application of microchips.
- j. For any expenses related to the treatment of an illness or injury caused directly or indirectly by negligent or intentional conduct on your part, whether by act or omission.
- k. If you earn money with your pet, your pet is used for work, or you engage in e.g. one of the following activities with your pet:
 - a. the use as a guard dog or fighting dog,
 - b. breeding.
- l. Accidents occurring during events (races, coursing) of a competitive nature. However, accidents during training are insured.
- m. Birth defects and hereditary diseases in extreme breeds and crossbreeds thereof (e.g. short-headedness / brachycephaly of French and English Bulldogs, Pugs, Shar Pei, etc.) as well as the resulting health consequences. In doing so, we refer to the Swiss Animal Protection Ordinance (TSchV) Art. 25 paragraph 2.
- n. No payment will be made for euthanasia (unless recommended by the veterinarian) or examinations after the death of the animal.
- o. For a treatment that is not based on accepted medical and complementary medicine practices.
- p. Veterinary expenses which are not reasonable and customary (deviation from the reference rate of simpego) are not covered.
- q. For dietary treatments, treatments or illness as a result of obesity, and specific food and medications designed for that purpose. Unless the weight gain is the result of a diagnosed disease.
- r. Costs related to pregnancy, birth and infertility.
- s. In the event of damage to your pet caused by third parties or animals. If the third party has no liability insurance or cannot be identified, we will cover the costs.



- t. If your pet injures other animals or people, or damages property belonging to a third party.
- u. We will not provide insurance coverage if it violates any applicable economic, trade or financial sanctions.
- v. All consequences of war, riots or mass movements, nuclear events, plagues, epidemics and pandemics as well as acts of violence for political, religious or ideological reasons.

1.5. Benefits from the insurer

1. Compensation

In the event of illness and accidents of the insured pets, we will reimburse the necessary costs incurred by the veterinary treatment, but not more than the insured amount specified in the insurance policy to the policyholder. The policyholder contributes to the costs of the benefits claimed through cost sharing.

Cost sharing is invoiced in Swiss francs. The corresponding payment deadlines can be found in the statement of benefits. The conditions for this are determined by simpego.

The date of treatment or the date of utilization of the insured service is decisive for the calculation of the cost share.

Benefits paid by the policyholder are reimbursed in Swiss francs.

Depending on the coverages, there are the following cost shares:

2. Annual franchise

The franchise agreed in the insurance policy applies. Any limitation of benefits will only be applied after the franchise has been reached.

Example calculation of cost sharing with annual franchise in CHF:

- Benefit limit (max. veterinary costs covered per year): 6'000
- Annual franchise: 1000
- Percentage of cost coverage by simpego: 100% (with personal contribution of 0%)
- **Treatment costs case 1: 4'000**
 - deduct annual franchise: 3'000 (4'000 - 300)
 - application of benefit limit: 6'000 (does not apply because benefit limit > treatment costs)
 - **amount paid by simpego: 3'000** (3'000 * 100%)
 - **Cost sharing contribution policyholder: 1'000**
- **Treatment costs case 2: 600**
 - deduct annual franchise: 600 (600 - 0) → yearly franchise payments already reached
 - application of benefit limit: 6'000 - 3'000 = 3'000 (does not apply because benefit limit > treatment costs)
 - **cost coverage by simpego: 600** (600 * 100%)



- **Cost sharing contribution by policyholder: 0**

3. Cost coverage and deductible

The cost sharing contributions and deductibles agreed in the insurance policy apply.

Any limitation of benefits will only be applied after application of the cost coverage and deduction of the deductible. If a deductible is payable per claim, all veterinary visits for the same treatment will be subject to this deductible.

Example calculation of cost sharing in CHF:

- Benefit limit (max. veterinary costs covered for this treatment): 1400
- Deductible: 300
- Percentage of cost coverage by simpego: 80%
- **Treatment costs: 1'000**
 - minus deductible: 700 (1'000 - 300)
 - application of benefit limit: 1400 (does not apply because benefit limit > treatment costs)
 - **cost coverage by simpego: 560** (700 * 80%)
 - **Cost sharing contribution by policyholder: 440**

2 Submit a claim / veterinary visit

1. How we process claims

We strive to process all claims as quickly as possible. We will keep you informed of the current status so you know where your claim is in the process. If we are unable to pay a claim, we promise to explain why.

2. Claim report by policyholder

Report a claim online at simpego.ch/pet/damage.

The following documents must be submitted to simpego when reporting a claim:

- a. Simpego may request medical records and a list of the veterinarians who performed the treatments.
- b. The original veterinary invoice with the following information:
 - date of initial diagnosis
 - the date of treatment
 - the name of the animal,
 - the diagnosis,
 - the veterinary treatment and medications provided,
 - the invoice for the corresponding treatment,
 - the name, address and telephone number of the veterinarian who treated the animal.
- c. The receipts and prescriptions issued by the veterinarian for the insured animal.



All documents relevant to the claim must be made available to simpego. In addition, simpego has the right to obtain other documents and information (e.g. claim description) from the policyholder as well as from third parties (e.g. treating veterinarian).

3. Claim reports by veterinarian

The treating veterinary practice can also report the damage for you. If this is the case, we will check with you first to see if you agree.

When your veterinarian contacts us to verify the insurance coverage, we will provide the details of your coverage.

4. Expert opinion

Simpego may refer the examination of the insured pet to another veterinarian that we choose for the purpose of an independent evaluation and expert opinion. If we ask you to do so, the insured pet must be examined, at our expense, by that veterinarian.

In connection with this examination, additional costs (e.g. travel costs) related to the veterinary visit will be reimbursed up to a maximum of CHF 200. Loss of income due to keeping this appointment does not fall under additional costs and will not be reimbursed.

In the event of a disagreement between the Policyholder and simpego due to differing veterinary opinions, we may jointly appoint an independent veterinarian whose decision will be binding on both parties.

5. Compensation of service providers

In principle, the policyholder owes the service providers (e.g. treating veterinarian) the invoiced amount. Agreements between simpego and the service providers regarding a direct payment remain reserved.

3 General regulations

3.1. Local and temporal scope

1. Local scope

We cover the costs of veterinary treatment in the geographical area of Switzerland and in areas close to the border, provided that these are not further than 75 km (air line) from the policyholder's place of residence.

If stated in the policy, we will also cover veterinary expenses in the event of an emergency abroad. The costs of treatment by a veterinary surgeon recognized by the authority will be reimbursed in accordance with the reference tariff customary in this area. The maximum duration from initial treatment to completion of treatment must not exceed 24 months.

If the insured person is no longer domiciled in Switzerland, the insurance will be terminated at the end of the month in which the domicile was transferred abroad.

2. Temporal scope

Only events that occur during the term of the contract, taking into account the waiting period, are insured.



3.2. Premium payment

1. Maturity

The premium must always be paid by the due date in accordance with the policy. If payment by installments has been agreed, simpego may charge an installment surcharge. The individual installments of the premium are only due on their respective due date according to the invoice. Installments not yet due are considered deferred.

If the premium or an individual installment is not paid, a reminder will be sent. From the issuing date of the reminder, the open amount must be paid within 14 days.

If the deadline set in the reminder for payment of the premium expires, simpego's obligation to perform is suspended from the first day after expiry of the reminder period until full payment of all outstanding premium under this contract at that time.

Simpego reserves the right to charge a reminder fee of up to CHF 30.

Simpego is entitled to terminate the contract after the expiration of the reminder period. All documents such as invoices, reminders or notices of termination are sent exclusively by email.

2. Refunds

In the event of premature cancellation of the contract for a statutory or contractual reason, the premium agreed for the current insurance year is only owed on a pro rata basis up to the date of cancellation of the contract.

However, the full annual premium remains due if simpego has provided benefits in the first insurance year.

In the case of balances from premium statements, simpego waives the collection of balances under CHF 5 and the payment of balances up to CHF 1. These balances will be offset in the next premium statement.

3. Contract adjustments

Simpego may adjust the contract as of the new insurance year in the event of the following changes:

- a) premiums,
- b) deductible provisions,
- c) services,
- d) legal taxes,
- e) fees.

If contract adjustments are made, the new contract conditions will be communicated to the policyholder no later than one month before the beginning of the new insurance year.

If no notice of termination is given by the last day of the insurance year at the latest, this shall be deemed to be the policyholder's consent to the contract adjustments.



3.3. Duration of the insurance contract

1. Start and end of the insurance

Insurance coverage begins on the date specified in the policy. The insurance is valid for one year and is then renewed from year to year, unless the insurance contract is terminated in writing or in another form that allows proof by text.

Both contracting parties may terminate the contract in writing at any time. The termination always takes effect on the last day of the current month.

2. Termination in the event of a claim

The contract may be terminated by either party following a claim no later than at the time of the last service provided.

If the contract is terminated by the policyholder, the insurance coverage expires immediately upon receipt of the notice of termination.

If the contract is terminated by simpego, the insurance coverage expires 14 days after the policyholder has been notified of the termination.

3. Termination of contract in case of death

In case of death of the pet, the contract ends on the date of death.

4. Other reasons for cancellation

Simpego also reserves the right to cancel or withdraw from the contract in the event of:

- a) fraudulent creation of the insurance claim,
- b) intentionally causing the insured event,
- c) violation of the prohibition of change in the event of a claim.

The notice of termination shall become effective upon delivery to the policyholder.

3.4. Adjustment of the insurance contract

The policyholder may adjust the scope of coverage of the insurance contract at the beginning of the new contract period. The adjustments must be submitted to simpego by telephone or in writing up to 14 days before the start of the new contract period. If this deadline is met, the contract will remain at the original age rate level. This means the adjustment of the scope of coverage will not result in an age-related (age pet) premium adjustment.

3.5. Applicable law and place of jurisdiction

1. Applicable law

Swiss substantive law is applicable to the insurance contract.

2. Jurisdiction

The ordinary Swiss courts have jurisdiction over disputes arising from the insurance contract.



3.6. Sanctions

The obligation to perform shall not apply to the extent that and as long as applicable legal economic, trade or financial sanctions prevent performance under the contract.

3.7. Communications

Messages to the policyholder shall be validly sent to the last e-mail address known to simpego. Changes of address must be reported without delay.

Communications shall be directed to the registered office of simpego.

- Phone: +41 58 521 11 11
- E-mail: service@simpego.ch

A claim must be filed with simpego as soon as possible after the loss event. We are available around the clock. The damage report can be submitted by telephone or online.

- By phone: +41 58 521 11 11
- Online: simpego.ch/pet/damage
- Simpego Insurances AG, Hohlstrasse 556, 8048 Zurich

Your obligations in the event of a claim are stated in this document under Art.2.2.

4 Essential duties pet owner / policyholder

4.1. Essential duties pet owner

As the pet owner, you are responsible for the health and well-being of the insured pet. You take the necessary precautions and measures to ensure that your pet does not suffer any unnecessary illnesses or injuries. The following points must be implemented in this regard:

- a. You comply at all times with the provisions of the Swiss Animal Welfare Act (TSchG).
- b. You will ensure that your pet undergoes a veterinary check-up (including dental check-up) at least every 12 months. Veterinary vaccination recommendations must be complied with to keep your pet healthy.
- c. If your pet becomes ill or has an accident, you must arrange for a veterinarian to examine your pet immediately. Treatment recommendations must be followed.

4.2. Essential duties of the policyholder

a. Claim report

Upon occurrence of the insured event, the damage must be reported immediately by the policyholder. The policyholder must allow simpego - as far as possible - to conduct any investigation into the cause and amount of the damage and the extent of the obligation to indemnify, as well as to provide any information in this regard completely and truthfully - in writing if requested - and to provide the requested



supporting documents. Simpego is also authorized to carry out its own investigations and to obtain documents (e.g. medical history from the veterinarian).

b. Risk modification

If any information listed on the policy changes during the term of the insurance (e.g., change of address, move abroad, etc.), the policyholder must notify simpego immediately in writing or in another form that allows proof by text.

c. Police report

Damage caused by third persons or animals as well as wilful or malicious acts must be reported immediately to a police station.

d. Loss minimization

The policyholder must grant us the right to have the insured pet examined by a veterinarian chosen by simpego at the expense of simpego.

e. Recourse

Upon occurrence of an insured event – insofar as circumstances permit – the policyholder is obliged to provide any information required to clarify any recourse claims.

1. Consequences of a breach of duty

If the policyholder, the pet owner intentionally violates an obligation according to 4.1 or 4.2, simpego is released from the obligation to pay. In the event of a grossly negligent breach of the obligation, simpego is entitled to reduce its benefit in proportion to the severity of the fault of the policyholder. The policyholder must prove the absence of gross negligence.



5 Definitions

Abroad

Foreign countries include the area outside the local area of jurisdiction according to 3.1.

Accident

Accident is the sudden, unintentional, harmful action of an unusual external factor on the body of the animal that results in impairment of physical health and requires medical examination or treatment by a veterinarian.

Animal owner

Owner and person responsible for the insured pet.

Annual franchise

Franchise is a fixed amount that must be paid by the policyholder per year towards the cost of treatment. Together with the deductible, it constitutes the cost sharing for the insured services. The insurance pays only the damage that exceeds the franchise amount.

Cost coverage

Defines the share of the costs per claim that is covered by the insurance.

Cost sharing contribution

The forms of cost sharing are depending on the coverage:

- Annual franchise
- The policyholder's own contribution resulting from simpego 's cost coverage e.g. personal contribution is 20% if the insurance cost coverage is 80%.
- Deductible

Chronic diseases

Chronic diseases are diseases which have not healed within 100 days from the first treatment. All treatments must be coherent.

Deductible

Amount that the policyholder must cover herself per claim.

Emergency

Medically necessary, unforeseen and unplanned treatment that cannot be delayed for medical reasons or it will result in a serious risk to your pet's health.

Family member

Family members are spouses or cohabiting partners, children, parents, grandparents and persons living in the same flat as the policyholder.

Hereditary disease



Hereditary diseases are diseases and abnormalities that appear in a familial cluster or as a result of so-called new mutations, i.e. newly occurring changes in the genetic material, in the previously unaffected entirety of the species concerned. Such a disease (e.g. elbow and hip joint dysplasias) may appear at any time in the life of the animal concerned, including at birth. A genetic disposition (predisposition) is equated to a hereditary disease.

Illness

Illness is any impairment of physical health that is not the result of an accident and that requires medical examination or treatment by a veterinarian.

Insurer

Simpego Versicherungen AG, Hohlstrasse 556, 8048 Zurich, Switzerland. The insurer is the risk carrier of this insurance product.

Policyholder

The natural person domiciled in Switzerland specified in the insurance policy.

Pre-existing conditions

An illness or injury that occurred, was recognizable or could have been diagnosed by a veterinarian on the occasion of an examination before the start of insurance, as well as the consequences of this illness or injury. If the last treatment was further back than 24 months, this condition is classified as new and loses the status "pre-existing condition".

Reference rate

The ordinary fees charged by a veterinary practice for performing a treatment / surgery.

Veterinarian

Veterinarians and therapists with federal or equivalent diploma (BTS, HVS, VTS, etc.)

Waiting period

Period of time after and before the effective date of the contract during which no benefits are provided.