

# Your Horse and Rider Equine Insurance Policy Booklet

Please read this in conjunction with your Certificate of Insurance and Insurance Product Information Document (IPID) to understand your cover

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This booklet contains your:

- · Terms and Conditions
- Privacy Notice Summary

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# Your Equine Insurance Policy Terms and Conditions

#### Written in Plain English

The details of your cover are explained in these Terms and Conditions. Eleven sections of cover are explained in this document but please be aware that most sections are optional and may not be included in the cover you've chosen. A section's only included if it's shown on your Certificate of Insurance.

It's important that you check your cover and contact us as soon as possible if it's not as you expected.

These Terms and Conditions are part of **your** insurance contract. The other parts are **your** Certificate of Insurance and **your** insurance application. To understand exactly what **your** insurance contract covers **you** must read **your** Certificate of Insurance and Insurance Product Information Document, together with these policy Terms and Conditions.

Definitions	
,	throughout the Terms and Conditions. Where <b>we</b> explain what a word means, that word d wherever used it has the meaning stated in this section.
12 months:	365 days calculated from and including the date an <b>injury</b> happened or the first <b>symptoms</b> of an <b>illness</b> were noticed.
BEVA Guidelines for the Destruction of Horses:	The guidelines stated within a British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA) document named the 'BEVA Guidelines for the Destruction of Horses Under All Risks Mortality Insurance Policy'. These state the criteria <b>your horse</b> 's condition must meet for a claim for his/her value to be considered following his/her death. The full guidelines are on page 19.
Class of use:	The purpose for which <b>your horse</b> is used and for which he/she is insured. The activities <b>your horse</b> 's covered for are shown on <b>your</b> Certificate of Insurance.
Illness, illnesses:	Any sickness, disease, defect, abnormality and/or change from a healthy state.
Illness which starts in the first 14 days of cover:	This is any <b>illness</b> that showed <b>symptoms</b> during the first 14 days of <b>your horse</b> 's first <b>policy year</b> or the first 14 days of a section of cover being added to <b>your</b> insurance. This also applies to any <b>illness</b> that:  • Has the same diagnosis or <b>symptoms</b> as an <b>illness</b> that started in the first 14 days,  • Is caused by or relates to the <b>symptoms</b> or <b>illness</b> that started in the first 14 days. This applies in all cases regardless of whether the <b>symptoms</b> present in the same, or different part of <b>your horse</b> 's body.
Immediate family:	<ul> <li>Your partner, who's your husband, wife, civil partner, girlfriend, boyfriend or other life partner,</li> <li>Your or your partner's child, step-child, and/or</li> <li>Your or your partner's parent or step-parent.</li> </ul>
Injury, injuries:	Physical damage or trauma caused immediately by an accident. Not any physical damage or trauma that happens over a period of time.
Loan:	An agreement where a person other than the owner of the horse is responsible for the horse's stabling, grazing, health and general care.
Market value:	<ul> <li>The price generally paid for:</li> <li>A horse of the same age, breed, gender and ability as your horse just before the injury happened or the illness first showed symptoms, or</li> <li>A horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer of the same age, type and condition as your</li> </ul>

horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer just before the theft or damage occurred.

Maximum benefit:	The most $\mathbf{we'} \text{II}$ pay in a section of cover as shown on $\mathbf{your}$ Certificate of Insurance.	
Personal circumstances:	Circumstances about you, your family or your horse which you have limited or no control over. Examples of personal circumstances are (but not limited to) a lack of transport, your horse's behaviour, your or your family's working hours, your child-care arrangements, your family's other commitments etc.	
Policy year:	The time during which <b>we</b> provide cover as shown on <b>your</b> Certificate of Insurance. This is normally 12 months but can be less if a section of cover or <b>your horse</b> , has been added to, or cancelled from, <b>your</b> insurance.	
Pre-existing condition:  When we state 'before cover started' in this definition, we mean be horse's cover started and before a section of cover was added to A pre-existing condition is any injury that happened, or any illness symptoms before cover started for your horse. It's also any injury. Has the same diagnosis or symptoms as an injury, illness or horse had before cover started.  • Is caused by or relates to the injury, illness or symptoms you cover started.  This applies in all cases regardless of whether or not:  The injury or illness presents in the same, or different parts of  Your vet confirms the past and current injuries or illnesses are  You knew, when starting cover for your horse, that you would		
Put to sleep:	claim for the symptom/injury/illness.  Where a vet euthanases or humanely destroys your horse.	
Ride, riding:	Riding, driving, mounting and dismounting your horse.	
Specialist farriery:	Corrective, remedial, therapeutic and/or surgical farriery.	
Symptom(s):	Any change from a healthy state, bodily function or behaviour.	
Sum insured:	The amount shown on <b>your</b> Certificate of Insurance.	
UK:	The United Kingdom, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.	
Vet:	A Veterinary Surgeon who's registered with the RCVS (Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons).	
Veterinary history:	This is a record of all interactions a <b>vet</b> or veterinary nurse has had with <b>your horse</b> and can be obtained from each <b>vet</b> or veterinary practice that <b>you</b> 've consulted with about him/her.	
Veterinary treatment:	The cost of the following when required to treat <b>illness</b> and <b>injury</b> :  • Any consultation, examination, advice, test, diagnostic procedure, surgery and nursing carried out by a <b>vet</b> , a veterinary nurse or another member of the veterinary practice under the supervision of a <b>vet</b> , and  • Any medication legally prescribed by a <b>vet</b> .	
We, us, our:	Allianz Insurance plc.	
Your horse(s):	The horse, pony, donkey or other equine named on <b>your</b> Certificate of Insurance.	
Your horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer:	The horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer described on <b>your</b> Certificate of Insurance.	
Your saddlery and tack:	<b>Your</b> saddles, bridles, leathers, irons, harnesses and riding tack normally used on <b>your horse</b> .	
You, your:	The person named on <b>your</b> Certificate of Insurance.	

# How your premium can change

Your premium is likely to increase at each policy renewal. The biggest influence on your renewal premium is increased veterinary costs as well as advancements in veterinary medicine. Other factors which may impact your premium at renewal include your horse's claims history, age and breed. Changing your horse's cover, class of use, sum insured and/or your address could also impact your premium.

# Renewing your policy

Your policy is in force for 12 months providing you continue to pay your premium. Every 12 months you need to renew this insurance contract to continue with your cover. We'll contact you before your renewal date with full details of your premium, excesses, policy coverage and Terms and Conditions for the next policy year.

If you pay by Direct Debit instalment, when your policy is due for renewal we'll automatically renew it for you. If you don't want to renew you need to let us know before your renewal date. If you pay by any other means, you need to contact us to confirm you want to renew your policy and arrange to pay your premium. You can do this by calling us on 0345 070 1063.

At the renewal of **your** policy **we** can change the following. **We'**ll always tell **you** before **your** renewal date of any changes so **you** can consider if **your** policy still meets **your** needs.

- The premium vou pay.
- The excesses you pay,
- The Terms and Conditions of your policy, and/or
- The cover we'll provide.

**We** can also place exclusions because of **your horse**'s claims and **veterinary history**. It's important to read 'Extra exclusions that can apply to the cover for your horse' on page 7 which explains this in more detail.

At renewal, we can limit or remove Personal liability and Personal accident cover based on a review of your horse's behaviour and the answers to our questions. For example (but not limited to), any aggressive tendencies shown, any incidents where your horse has caused injury to a person/animal or any health conditions which result in your horse being dangerous to ride and/or handle.

We can also ask for a letter from your doctor to confirm you're safe to ride and/or handle your horse for the activities listed on your Certificate of Insurance. If we ask for this, we won't be able to cover you for 'Personal liability' and/or 'Personal accident' while you're riding or handing your horse until we receive this. For more details please read 'When we may require a medical examination' in the Personal liability section on page 22 and Personal accident section on page 25.

When **your** policy is due for renewal, **we** have the right not to offer the renewal. If this happens **we**'ll give **you** 21 days' notice in writing to the address on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

# Your horse's cover will change to injury only at the renewal after his/her 20th birthday

At the renewal after **your horse**'s 20th birthday, **your** cover will automatically move to the **injury** only Mature Horse plan and all cover for **illness** will stop. **We**'ll remind **you** of this change in the two renewals before it happens.

# Where we'll provide cover - the geographical limits

All sections of your policy cover your horse or your insured items in the **UK** only.

#### Your horse's class of use

You need make sure your insurance covers all of the activities your horse takes part in. Don't leave this until you're considering a new activity, check regularly to make sure you've always got the cover you need. The activities your horse's covered for are shown on your Certificate of Insurance.

This is important as **your** policy doesn't cover anything which:

- Happens when your horse's being used for an activity that isn't covered by your policy,
- Is in any way related to your horse carrying out an activity that isn't listed as covered by your policy.
   For example (but not limited to), your horse carried out an activity which isn't listed as covered on your
   Certificate of Insurance and is found to be lame the following morning. We won't consider any costs for your horse's lameness if we believe it's related to your horse carrying out the activity which isn't covered.
- Happens during the transportation or warming up/cooling down of your horse for an activity that's not covered by your policy. For example (but not limited to), if cross-country's listed, your policy provides cover when you're transporting your horse by vehicle and warming up/cooling down for the purpose of cross-country. If we state the injury, illness or incident is related to an activity that isn't covered by your policy and you disagree, you can request that we appoint a mutually agreed independent vet for their opinion. If you ask for this, you agree to accept the independent opinion and we'll do the same. We'll pay any costs relating to this.

#### The activities that we can cover

The current list of all activities that can be covered is below so **you** can see what's available and check that **you** have the cover **you** need. To be covered for schooling for an activity **you** must choose the **class of use** for that activity. The activities **your horse**'s covered for are shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

Class of use	Activities covered	
A	Horses at grass, retired horses, breeding, showing, heavy horses (breeding and showing), hacking, long distance rides (under 25 miles), young horses (rearing and breaking), riding or pony club events, dressage (below elementary level), driving, gymkhanas, show jumping (BSJA and unaffiliated), Pre novice (or below) British Eventing (BE) affiliated one and three day events and unaffiliated cross-country.	
Optional cover – Class of use B is optional and may not be included in the cover you've chosen.		
В	Class of use A activities plus novice level (and above) BE affiliated one and three day events, combined training, dressage (elementary level and above), hunter trials, hunting and long distance rides (over 25 miles).	
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# When you can change your horse's class of use

You can increase or reduce your horse's class of use at any time, by calling us on 0345 070 1063.

#### Your horse's value

At all times you need to insure your horse for his/her current market value, even if you feel this isn't important for the cover you've chosen.

It's your responsibility to make sure the sum insured for your horse accurately reflects his/her current value. A horse's value can change over time so make sure you review your horse's value regularly and contact us if you feel this has changed. When you tell us the value of your horse has changed we may need you to explain why, such as explaining what activities your horse now does that he/she didn't before or providing published competition results etc.

If your horse dies and his/her market value is:

- Lower than the **sum insured we**'ll only pay the **market value** and won't refund any premium for the difference between the **sum insured** and the amount **we** pay.
- Higher than the sum insured we'll only pay the sum insured.

# What you need to do for your horse

As a responsible horse owner, there are steps **you**'ll take to keep **your horse** safe and healthy throughout his/ her life. To make sure **you** get the full benefit of **our** cover, there are things that **you** need to do for him/her. If **you** don't, it could affect whether **we** pay **your** claims.

You need to take all reasonable steps to:

- Look after your horse's health this means you should:
  - Arrange for a vet to examine your horse when they're unwell and arrange for any treatment within the timescales they recommend
  - Follow any advice given to you by your vet to help prevent or reduce the risk of injury/illness
  - Keep your horse vaccinated against tetanus and equine influenza
  - Provide your horse with routine care, for example, following a vet recommended worming programme
  - Arrange for your horse to have their teeth checked by a vet or qualified equine dentist at least once every 12 months. If your vet/dentist recommends any treatment during this check, it needs to take place within the timescales they recommended.
  - Ensure your horse is kept at a healthy weight
- Provide your horse with a safe and secure environment to prevent injury/illness and theft or straying.
- Keep your horse controlled to prevent him/her from causing injury to another person or animal and damaging property.
- Make sure the person riding and/or handling your horse is experienced to do so and only uses him/her for the activities listed in their class of use.

If **we** believe any of the above hasn't taken place and this has resulted in preventable or additional costs, **we** won't pay these costs. If **you** disagree, **you** can ask **us** to appoint a mutually agreed professional for their opinion. If **you** ask for this, **you** agree to accept the independent opinion and **we**'ll do the same. **We**'ll pay for this.

# If your horse was unwell before your cover started – pre-existing conditions

When we state 'before cover started' in this section, we mean both before your horse's cover started and before a section of cover was added to your insurance.

Your policy doesn't cover any pre-existing condition. A pre-existing condition is any injury that happened, or any illness that showed symptoms, before your horse's cover started. It's also any injury or illness that:

- Has the same diagnosis or symptoms as the injury, illness or symptoms your horse had before cover started
- Is caused by or relates to an injury, illness or symptom your horse had before cover started.

#### Some examples:

- Your horse was diagnosed with colic before cover started, the colic is a pre-existing condition.
- Before cover started, your horse was lame and the vet decided to carry out some tests. In the meantime,
  you start a policy with us. The tests find your horse has arthritis. Anything related to this arthritis is classed
  as a pre-existing condition as the symptoms were shown before your horse's policy started.

It's important to read **our** definition of 'Pre-existing condition' on page 4 as this'll be used to assess any claims **you** submit to determine if an **illness/injury** is pre-existing.

# Extra exclusions that can apply to the cover for your horse

We can place exclusions on your policy based on your horse's individual veterinary history and your answers to our questions. Exclusions are specific to an individual horse and may refer to one or more health conditions, an entire part of your horse's body or an incident. They show when something isn't covered for your horse, when it would usually be covered under our policy.

For example, **our** policies cover **veterinary treatment** for arthritis, however if a horse:

 Has arthritis before his/her cover starts, this is a pre-existing condition and exclusions can be placed stating claims for arthritis and related conditions won't be covered. • Starts to suffer from arthritis during cover, exclusions can be placed from your next renewal which show that cover for arthritis (and any related conditions) stops. Even though we'll place a new exclusion from your renewal date, we'll continue to assess any ongoing claims under the terms of your policy. This means that you can continue to claim for treatment up to your maximum benefit, or within the 12 months after the symptoms of the arthritis were noticed, whichever is reached first.

The Terms and Conditions combined with any specific exclusions clearly show what **your** policy doesn't cover. If any specific exclusions have been added to **your horse**'s cover, they'll be stated on **your** Certificate of Insurance and **your** policy won't cover any claim which falls under any exclusion placed.

# Exclusions can be placed:

# At the start of your policy

**We** can place exclusions at the start of a policy for any **pre-existing conditions**. Please read '*If your horse was unwell before your cover started – pre-existing conditions*' on page 7 for more information about **pre-existing conditions**.

#### At renewal

- · When vou claim, and
- Based on the answers to our questions about your horse's health and behavior. We
  ask certain questions about your horse at renewal because the 12 month time limit
  for claiming begins when your horse is injured or the first symptoms of an illness
  are seen. This is regardless of whether you claim for the treatment or not. If we
  haven't received a claim for the treatment, we still need to be told about the illness/
  injury so we can advise how this'll affect your cover.

Any exclusions will be placed from **your** renewal date but **we**'ll continue to assess any ongoing claims under the terms of **your** policy. This means that **you** can continue to claim for treatment up to **your maximum benefit**, or within the **12 months** after the **injury** happened or the first **symptoms** of the **illness** were noticed, whichever is reached first.

**We** can also limit or remove *Personal liability* and *Personal accident* cover from renewal. Please read '*Renewing your policy*' on page 5, for more details.

If we find out, that when we asked you for information (during your original application or at your renewal) you:

- Didn't tell us about something, or
- Provided inaccurate information (regardless of whether or not you thought it was accurate at the time).

**We** can add exclusions based on the new information **we** have. These will be added from the time they would have been placed had **we** been aware at **your** application or renewal.

# Illnesses that happen in the first 14 days of your horse's cover

**Your** policy doesn't cover any **illness** that shows **symptoms** in the first 14 days of **your horse**'s cover starting or a section being added to **your** insurance. This also applies to any **illness** that:

- Has the same diagnosis or symptoms as the illness that started in the first 14 days.
- Is caused by or relates to the **symptoms** or **illness** that started in the first 14 days.

This applies in all cases regardless of whether the **symptoms** present in the same or different parts of **your horse**'s body.

If your horse has an illness in this timeframe, any costs relating to it won't be covered by your policy. If, at a later time (days, weeks, months or years) an illness with the same diagnosis presents in the same or different parts of your horse's body, we won't cover any costs related to that illness. This is regardless of whether your vet confirms the past and current illnesses are, or are not, linked. For example (but not limited to), if your horse develops a cataract in his/her left eye in the first 14 days of the first policy year, that cataract isn't covered and the policy will also not cover any other cataracts which develop in either the left or right eye.

This 14 day timeframe only applies at the start of **your horse**'s first **policy year** or a section being added to **your** insurance. This doesn't apply to the start of any renewal year and cover for **illness** at renewal is continuous from the previous **policy year**.

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Adding a new section of cover/ Changing to a higher level of cover	You can apply to do this at any time (where an increase is available). We'll let you know if you can do this once we've reviewed the relevant details, for example, depending on the cover being added/increased we may ask for a vetting to be carried out.
Removing an optional section of cover	<b>Your</b> cover for Death of your horse from injury and illness and Loss by theft or straying are included in <b>your</b> cover as standard and can't be removed. All other sections are optional and can be removed any time. If <b>you</b> remove a section, all cover will stop from that date and no further claims will be paid.
Changing to a lower level of cover	You can do this at any time (where a reduction is available).
Changing your horse's class of use and sum insured	You can do this at any time. When you tell us the value of your horse has changed we may need you to explain why, such as explaining what activities your horse now does that he/she didn't before or providing published competition results etc. For more details please read the sections 'Your horse's value' on page 6 and 'Your horse's class of use' on page 5.

If you'd like to discuss changing your horse's cover please call us on 0345 070 1063. Changing your cover will impact the price you pay.

# Making a claim

It's distressing when an incident happens or a much loved horse is ill or injured, so **we** do all **we** can to make the claims process as quick and easy as possible. This section tells **you** how to make a claim. Don't forget if **you** have a valid claim under the *Veterinary fees* section **we** can usually pay the veterinary practice direct.

Telling us about a claim or potential claim	If the <i>Personal liability</i> section is shown on <b>your</b> Certificate of Insurance and an incident happens which could lead to a claim, for example <b>your horse</b> causing injury to a third party or damaging third party property, <b>you</b> must call to tell <b>us</b> as soon as possible. <b>You</b> must tell <b>us</b> about an incident even if <b>you</b> don't believe that a claim is being, or will be, made against <b>you</b> . <b>You</b> should call <b>our</b> specialist liability teams on 01483 218 781 for injury to a third party and 01483 218 782 for damage to third party property. The lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, excluding Bank Holidays. For any sections, other than <i>Personal liability</i> <b>you</b> don't need to contact <b>us</b> to let <b>us</b> know <b>you'</b> Il be making a claim. <b>You</b> can simply send <b>us your</b> completed claim form and any supporting information <b>we</b> 've asked for (shown in the ' <i>When you claim you must send us</i> ' section <b>you</b> 're claiming under). Of course, if <b>you</b> 'd like to discuss <b>your</b> claim <b>we</b> 're always happy to help.
Getting a claim form	Most claim forms can be downloaded from <b>our</b> website www.seisinsurance.co.uk. If <b>you</b> 'd like <b>us</b> to send <b>you</b> a claim form please contact <b>us</b> .
When to send us your claims	You must send us your Veterinary fees claim(s) no later than one year after your horse received treatment. Any claims received after this time won't be covered by the policy. For all other sections of cover, the 'When to send us your claim' part of the section tells you when you need to send us your claim.

Completing the claim form	Please make sure <b>your</b> claim is completed fully by both <b>you</b> and if applicable <b>your vet</b> , as <b>we</b> need this information to process <b>your</b> claim. If any information's missing, this'll delay <b>your</b> claim. Any supporting documentation stated in the 'When you claim you must send us' part of the relevant section must accompany <b>your</b> fully completed claim form. <b>You</b> 'll need to pay any fees made for the completion of claim forms or the cost of any supporting documentation as these costs aren't covered by the policy.
Claims decisions over the telephone	<b>We</b> don't guarantee on the phone if <b>we</b> 'll pay a claim. Once <b>we</b> 've received a fully completed claim form and all of the supporting information, <b>we</b> 'll assess <b>your</b> claim and only then will <b>we</b> be able to let <b>you</b> know if <b>we</b> 'll pay the claim.
Your excesses	The excess is the amount <b>you</b> pay when <b>you</b> claim. The excesses <b>you</b> pay are explained on <b>your</b> Certificate of Insurance.

# **Veterinary fees**

Cover in this section applies when your horse's in the UK.

The Veterinary fees section's an optional benefit that's only included in **your horse**'s cover if it's shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

# What we'll pay

The cost of veterinary treatment your horse has received during the policy year to treat injury and illness.

There are restrictions on how long we'll cover each injury and illness.

# How long we'll cover each injury and illness

Your cover has two limits and we'll keep paying for an injury or illness until one of these limits has been reached:

- A time-limit for how long you can claim for each injury or illness, and
- A monetary limit for how much we'll pay for each injury or illness (this is called the maximum benefit).

The time-limit	Your policy covers each illness and injury for 12 months. The 12 months start when the injury happens or when the first symptoms of the illness are noticed. This is regardless of whether you claim for the treatment or not. After this time all cover for that injury or illness will stop.
The monetary limit	<b>Your</b> policy provides a maximum amount of money for <b>you</b> to claim for each separate <b>injury</b> and <b>illness</b> . This is called the <b>maximum benefit</b> and the amount <b>you</b> can claim for each <b>injury</b> and <b>illness</b> is shown on <b>your</b> Certificate of Insurance.

To fully understand how the *time-limit* and *monetary limit* will be applied **you** also need to read the below parts of this section, on pages 11 and 12:

- The way we work out the 12 month time-limit and the maximum benefit
- · After your policy limits have been reached
- · The cost of medicines and materials

#### Who needs to carry out treatment?

We'll cover your horse's veterinary treatment if it's carried out by a vet, a veterinary nurse or another member of a veterinary practice under the supervision of a vet. If your horse needs dental treatment, this must be carried out by a vet or qualified equine dentist.

## What you pay - your excess

The excess is the amount **you** pay when **you** claim and this is deducted from **your** claim settlement(s). The excess **you** pay under this section is shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

#### We won't pay for:

- Routine or preventative treatments recommended by a vet to prevent injury or illness. We also won't pay
  for any complications that result from these procedures.
- Treatment or procedures that you choose to have carried out, which the vet confirms isn't necessary or isn't related to an injury or illness. We also won't pay for any complications that arise from the treatment/ procedure.
- 3. Any complementary/alternative treatment, such as, but not limited to, acupuncture, chiropractic manipulation, food supplements, herbal medicine, homeopathy, neutraceuticals, osteopathy, physiotherapy, specialist farriery, hydrotherapy. We also won't pay for any veterinary treatment specifically needed to carry out these treatments. We cover some of these treatments in the optional 'Complementary therapy' section, which is only included in your horse's cover if it's shown on your Certificate of Insurance.
- 4. The cost of:
  - Livery, stabling, bedding, grazing, feeding or any changes in the way you look after your horse, and
  - Transporting **your horse** to, or from, his/her place of treatment.

If your horse's referred as an inpatient or needs specialist veterinary treatment, this cover is provided in the optional 'Hospitalisation and transportation' section, which is only included in your horse's cover if it's shown on your Certificate of Insurance.

- 5. Treatment needed because of a vice or from your horse's behaviour.
- Treatment for any injury or illness deliberately caused by you, a member of your immediate family or the person looking after your horse.
- 7. A post-mortem examination and/or report.
- 8. Treatment that's part of a clinical trial. For the purpose of this insurance, a clinical trial is a research project testing new treatment.

# The way we work out the 12 month time-limit and the maximum benefit

Please read 'How long we'll cover each injury and illness' in this section before reading the wording below.

#### For injuries

The **12 months** cover and the **maximum benefit** start from the date the **injury** happened. If **your horse** has more than one **injury** and they:

- · Are diagnosed as the same injury, or
- · Happen at the same time, or
- Are caused by, or relate to, one another,

One period of **12 months** and one **maximum benefit** applies for all of the **injuries**. In this case the **12 months** of cover and the **maximum benefit** starts from the date the first **injury** happened.

For example (but not limited to), a horse is hit by a car and sustains multiple **injuries**. As the **injuries** happened at the same time, the **12 months** cover for all of the **injuries** will start from the when the road traffic accident happened and only one **maximum benefit** will apply.

#### For illnesses

The 12 months cover and the maximum benefit start from the date the illness or symptoms were first noticed. If your horse has suffered from the same symptoms/illness in the past, if they're:

- · Diagnosed as the same illness, or
- · Caused by, or relate to, one another,

One period of **12 months** and one **maximum benefit** applies for all of the **symptoms**/ **illnesses**.

The **12 months** cover and the **maximum benefit** starts from the very first time the **symptoms/illness** were seen. This applies in all cases regardless of whether:

- Your vet states the past and current illnesses are not linked, and/or
- The **symptoms/illness** presents in the same or different part of **your horse**'s body. For example (but not limited to), a horse is lame and is diagnosed with kissing spines, a few months later he/she's also found to have arthritis in the spine. As the kissing spines and arthritis are related to another, the **12 months** cover for both will start from the date the horse's lameness was first seen and only one **maximum benefit** will apply to both the kissing spines and the arthritis.

#### After your policy limits have been reached

Please read 'How long we'll cover each injury and illness' in this section before reading the wording below. If we've paid for either the cost of treatment for 12 months or the maximum benefit we won't pay for any more treatment for that injury or illness. We'll also not pay for any injury or illness which:

- . Is caused by or related to it, or
- · Has the same diagnosis.

This applies in all cases regardless of whether:

- Your vet states the past and current illness are, or are not, linked, and/or
- The **injury** or **illness** presents in the same or different part of **your horse**'s body.

For example (but not limited to), if **your horse** suffers from navicular disease/syndrome in the left fore foot, after **we**'ve paid for treatment for either **12 months** or the **maximum benefit**, **we** won't cover any treatment for navicular disease/syndrome in any of **your horse**'s feet.

#### When to send us your claim

You must send us your claim no later than one year after your horse received treatment. Any claims received after this time won't be covered by the policy.

#### When you claim you must send us:

- · A fully completed claim form.
- The invoices from the veterinary practice or professional which show what **you**'re claiming for.
- If it's the first claim you're making for your horse his/her full veterinary history. There are claims for certain conditions where we'll also need this, but we'll let you know in these cases once we've received your claim.
- If it's a claim for a new condition the veterinary history for the treatment you're claiming for.
- If it's a continuation claim the veterinary history back to the previous claim.
- If you're claiming for items which haven't been purchased from a veterinary practice:
  - The invoices showing the items you're claiming for.
  - For prescription only medications if it's the first claim **you**'re making for the treatment, **we** need a copy of the prescription for the medication.
  - For anything else your vet needs to tell us that the items were needed to treat the illness/injury being claimed and the quantities required.

#### If your horse was unwell before your cover started

When we state 'before cover started', we mean both before your horse's cover started and before a section of cover was added to your insurance.

Your policy doesn't cover any **pre-existing condition**. This is when **your horse** was unwell or had **symptoms** before **your** cover started. Any **injury** that happened, or any **illness** that showed **symptoms**, before **your horse**'s cover started is classed as a **pre-existing condition**. It's important to read '*If your horse was unwell before your cover started - pre-existing conditions*' on page 7 and **our** definition of '*Pre-existing condition*' on page 4 as these will be used to assess any claims **you** submit to determine if a condition is pre-existing.

## An illness which starts in the first 14 days of your horse's cover

If your horse suffers from an **illness** in the first 14 days of your horse's first **policy year**, or the section being added to **your** insurance, any costs relating to that **illness** won't be covered by **your** policy. This is regardless of when **your horse** needs treatment. It's important to read '*Illnesses that happen in the first 14 days of your horse's cover*' on page 8 and **our** definition of '*Illness which starts in the first 14 days of cover*' on page 3 for more information.

#### The cost of medicines and materials

We'll cover the cost of any medicines or materials that'll be used during the 12 month time-limit. This is 12 months from the date the injury happened or the illness first showed symptoms. Any medicines/materials used after this time aren't covered by your policy.

#### When we cover dental treatment:

- We'll cover the treatment for a dental injury or illness as long as:
  - Your horse had their teeth checked by a vet or qualified equine dentist in the 12 months before the first symptoms of the injury or illness were seen, and

- Any treatment they recommend during the check takes place within the timescales they recommend.
- We don't cover the cost of:
  - Teeth rasping
  - Removing wolf teeth

However, if **your horse** suffers from complications after the procedure, **we**'ll cover the cost of treatment needed to deal with the complications.

#### When we cover the cost of castrating your horse

We cover the cost of castrating your horse if the procedure's carried out when he's suffering from an injury or illness and castrating is essential to treat that injury or illness. We won't pay castration costs for any other reason. Regardless of why your horse is castrated, if he suffers from complications during or after the procedure, we'll cover the cost of treatment needed to deal with the complications.

#### Out of hours treatment

We'll cover the cost of your horse being treated outside of the veterinary practice normal opening hours if your vet confirms your horse needed urgent veterinary care. We won't cover any costs if this was needed because of your personal circumstances. Your vet will need to confirm this when you claim. If not, we'll only cover the charges that would've applied during normal opening hours.

#### When your horse is staying at a veterinary practice or hospital

If **your horse** stays at a veterinary practice or hospital **we**'ll cover the cost of veterinary and nursing care. This section doesn't cover any charges made by the practice/hospital for livery, stabling, grazing, bedding and feeding. If **your horse**'s referred as an inpatient or needs specialist veterinary treatment, this cover is provided in the optional 'Hospitalisation and transportation' section, which is only included in **your horse**'s cover if it's shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

# The costs relating to putting your horse to sleep

We won't cover the cost of:

- Putting your horse to sleep, including any veterinary consultations/visits or prescribed medications needed to carry out the procedure.
- Having your horse cremated, buried or any other form of disposal. This cover is provided in the optional 'Disposal following death' section, which is only included in your horse's cover if it's shown on your Certificate of Insurance.

#### The cost of procedures you can carry out

There can be times when a **vet** or a professional asks **you** to provide treatment on **your horse**. For example (but not limited to) **you** carrying out controlled exercise, giving medication, using a horse walker etc. If another person/professional does this for **you** (regardless of **your personal circumstances**), **we** won't cover their charges.

### The cost to vaccinate your horse

**We** won't cover the cost of vaccinations; however, if **your horse** suffers complications during, or after, a vaccination, **we**'ll cover the cost of treatment needed to deal with the complications. *This doesn't apply if your horse must be vaccinated against an illness as part of a compulsory mass vaccination programme, for details of this please see the General Exclusions section on page 33.* 

#### Pregnancy and giving birth

If **you horse** suffers from a complication during pregnancy or while giving birth, **we**'ll cover the cost of the treatment needed to deal with the complications. **We** won't cover the cost of any other treatment related to abortion, pregnancy, foaling or fertility.

#### The cost of equipment or machinery

**We** won't cover the cost of buying or hiring any type of equipment or machinery. These costs are never covered by the policy and this is regardless of whether:

- · A vet advises the item is required as part of treatment, or
- The item is required due to your personal circumstances.

Examples of equipment and machinery are (but not limited to) tens machines, equiband, leg boots etc.

#### The cost of sedation

We'll cover the cost of sedating your horse for the following reasons:

- Your horse needs to be sedated to safely travel to his/her place of treatment and not sedating him/her is likely to worsen the illness or injury.
- The sedation is needed for the **vet** to safely carry out the treatment.
- The vet has recommended box rest as part of treatment for the illness or injury and your horse requires sedation for this.
- Where sedation is needed to safely turn your horse out following a period of box rest. For this purpose we'll
  cover the cost of sedation for up to 7 days.

Your vet needs to confirm which of the above applies when you claim. We won't cover the cost of sedating your horse for any other reason.

#### The cost of transplant surgery

**We** cover the cost of stem cell therapy. Any other type of transplant surgery (for example, but not limited to, an organ transplant etc) isn't covered by the policy. **We** don't cover any costs related in any way to any other transplant surgery (including any pre and post-operative care).

#### Your horse's class of use

You need to make sure your insurance covers all of the activities your horse takes part in. Your policy only covers any illness or injury which:

- Happen when your horse is taking part in, or
- · Are in any way related to your horse taking part in,

An activity that is shown as covered on your Certificate of Insurance.

You can find more information about how your horse's class of use affects your cover, in 'Your horse's class of use on page 5.

## Administration fees and other charges

We don't cover the cost of any administration fees or charges. This includes (but isn't limited to):

- Fees for the completion of claim forms or claim submission.
- Fees for supplying supporting documentation.
- · Late payment fees or interest.
- · Any amount for postage and packaging.

We'll deduct these from the claim settlement.

# Another vet reviewing your horse's details:

- We can refer your horse's details and veterinary history to a vet that we choose. If we request, you must arrange for your horse to be examined by this vet. We'll pay any costs for this.
- We may decide that we need our vet to agree your horse's treatment with your vet before it's carried out.
   We'll advise you if this agreement is required and once advised this will apply to any treatment carried out from that point onwards, unless your horse needs emergency treatment or we tell you otherwise.

# Dealing with your veterinary practice:

- If a veterinary practice asks us for information about your insurance cover and we agree to provide it, we'll
  only do this if the veterinary practice confirms they:
  - Recently provided treatment for your horse, or
  - Have spoken with **you** about providing treatment for **your horse** in the near future.

In these cases, **we**'ll only tell the veterinary practice if **you** have an active insurance policy with **us** for **your horse**, and if **you** do – the date cover started, the type of cover in place, the monetary limits of **your** policy, the excesses **you** pay and if any exclusions have been placed on **your** cover.

If you have a valid claim, we can usually pay the veterinary practice directly; however, if you ask us to do
this, we can decline your request.

#### Your horse's cover will change to injury only at the renewal after his/her 20th birthday

At the renewal after **your horse**'s 20th birthday, **your** cover will automatically move to the **injury** only Mature Horse plan and all cover for **illness** will stop. **We**'ll remind **you** of this change in the two renewals before it happens.

# Complementary therapy

Cover in this section applies when your horse's in the UK.

The Complementary therapy section's an optional benefit that's only included in **your horse**'s cover if it's shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

#### What we'll pay

We'll pay for the following Complementary therapies your horse has received during the policy year to treat injury and illness:

Acupuncture Homeopathy Osteopathy
Chiropractic Manipulation Hydrotherapy Physiotherapy
Herbal Medicine Nutraceuticals Specialist farriery

We don't cover any other complementary/alternative treatments.

We'll pay up to the maximum benefit shown on your Certificate of Insurance.

To have a valid claim, your horse's illness or injury must be covered under the Veterinary fees section of cover.

# Who needs to carry out treatment

The table below explains who needs to carry out the different elements within this section of cover. The treatment will only be covered if this criteria is met. Where it's noted that treatment can be carried out by someone who's not a **vet**, when this happens, **we**'ll need confirmation that a **vet** has recommended the treatment after examining **your horse** and referred him/her to the professional.

Acupuncture, Nutraceuticals, Homeopathy	A vet.	
Herbal medicine	This must be prescribed by a vet or member of a veterinary practice.	
Specialist farriery	A farrier registered with the FRC (Farriers Registration Council).	
Physiotherapy	A <b>vet</b> or someone who holds a <b>UK</b> recognised qualification in their subject.	
Hydrotherapy	A <b>vet</b> or a <b>vet</b> recommended therapist.	
Chiropractic manipulation	A <b>vet</b> or a qualified animal chiropractor who's a member of the General Chiropractic Council (GCC).	
Osteopathy	A <b>vet</b> or a qualified animal osteopath who's a member of the General Osteopathic Council (GOsC).	

#### When to send us your claim

You must send us your claim no later than one year after your horse received treatment. Any claims received after this time won't be covered by the policy.

#### When you claim you must send us:

- · A fully completed claim form.
- The invoices from the veterinary practice or professional which show what you're claiming for.

#### Specialist farriery

We'll pay for **specialist farriery** when needed to treat an **illness** or **injury**. The amount **you** normally pay for shoeing and/or the care of **your horse**'s feet will be deducted from the amount **we** pay.

#### The cost of procedures you can carry out

There can be times when a **vet** or a professional asks **you** to carry out treatment on **your horse**. For example (but not limited to) **you** carrying out physiotherapy, controlled exercise or using a horse walker etc. If another person/professional does this for **you** (regardless of **your personal circumstances**), **we** won't cover their charges.

#### Your horse's cover will change to injury only at the renewal after his/her 20th birthday

At the renewal after **your horse**'s 20th birthday, **your** cover will automatically move to the **injury** only Mature Horse plan and all cover for **illness** will stop. **We'**ll remind **you** of this change in the two renewals before it happens.

# Hospitalisation and transportation

Cover in this section applies when your horse's in the UK.

The Hospitalisation and transportation section's an optional benefit that's only included in **your horse**'s cover if it's shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

#### What we'll pay

If your vet has referred your horse as an inpatient, for a second opinion and/or specialist treatment during the policy year, we'll pay:

- Transportation costs to, and from, a veterinary practice, veterinary college or hospital, and
- · Livery charges at a veterinary practice, veterinary college or hospital.

We'll pay up to the maximum benefit shown on your Certificate of Insurance.

To have a valid claim, your horse's illness or injury must be covered under the Veterinary fees section of cover.

# When to send us your claim

You must send us your claim no later than one year after your horse visited the veterinary practice, veterinary college or hospital. Any claims received after this time won't be covered by the policy.

#### When you claim you must send us:

- · A fully completed claim form.
- If you're claiming for livery:
  - The invoices showing the items you're claiming for.
- If you're claiming for transportation:
  - The invoice on headed paper for the hire of a trailer or horse box, or
  - The invoice from a transport company on headed paper, or
  - A route planner and miles per gallon for the vehicle you used to transport your horse.

#### **Transportation costs**

If the transport belongs to **you** or member of **your immediate family**, or it has been lent to **you** free of charge, **we**'ll only cover the fuel costs **you** incur, for travel between **your horse**'s usual home and the veterinary practice, veterinary college or hospital.

#### When your horse is staying at a veterinary practice, veterinary college or hospital

If your horse stays at a veterinary practice, veterinary college or hospital, we'll cover their charges for livery, stabling, grazing, bedding and feeding. We won't cover any charges for veterinary and nursing care. This cover is provided in the optional 'Veterinary fees' section, which is only included in your horse's cover if it's shown on your Certificate of Insurance.

#### Your horse's cover will change to injury only at the renewal after his/her 20th birthday

At the renewal after **your horse**'s 20th birthday, **your** cover will automatically move to the **injury** only Mature Horse plan and all cover for **illness** will stop. **We**'ll remind **you** of this change in the two renewals before it happens.

# Death of your horse from injury or illness

Cover in this section applies when your horse's in the UK.

#### What we'll pay

The **sum insured** shown on **your horse**'s Certificate of Insurance (or his/her **market value**, whichever is less) if, during the **policy year**, he/she dies or has to be **put to sleep** by a **vet** due to an **injury/illness**.

#### Important information if your horse is put to sleep

If your horse is put to sleep, cover under this section's only in force if his/her condition has met the BEVA

**Guidelines for the Destruction of Horses**. These state that the insured horse must have suffered from an **illness/injury** that was so severe that immediate euthanasia was needed to relieve his/her incurable and excessive pain and that no other options of treatment were available at that time. To understand more about this, it's important that **you** also read 'Your horse's condition must have met the BEVA Guidelines for the Destruction of Horse's' on page 17 and the full BEVA guidelines at the end of this section.

If you want to know if your claim will be considered before your horse is put to sleep we strongly recommend you ask your vet if your horse's condition meets the criteria to understand if you're able to submit a claim under this insurance.

We understand that as a horse owner you may choose to put your horse to sleep knowing that the BEVA criteria isn't met (and therefore a claim wouldn't be considered under your insurance) because it's the correct decision for both your horse and you. To help with your understanding of this criteria, we've provided an example of when we won't consider a claim for your horse's death.

A horse becomes lame and is diagnosed with severe degenerative joint disease. The **vet** advises that some treatment is available. However, after discussing the horse's individual situation, the owner and **vet** decide the right approach for this horse is to put him/her to sleep to stop the suffering. As treatment is available for the degenerative joint disease, the horse's condition hasn't met the **BEVA Guidelines for the Destruction of Horses** and therefore there's no cover under this section.

#### We won't pay any amount:

- If your horse's put to sleep and his/her condition didn't meet the BEVA Guidelines for the Destruction
  of Horses.
- If your horse's death is caused by a pre-existing condition. It's important to read 'If your horse was unwell before your cover started – pre-existing conditions' on page 7 and our definition of 'Pre-existing condition' on page 4 for further information.
- 3. If your horse's death is caused by an illness which starts in the first 14 days of cover. It's important to read 'Illnesses that happen in the first 14 days of your horse's cover' on page 8 and our definition of 'Illness which starts in the first 14 days of cover' on page 3 for further information.
- 4. Towards the cost of having your horse put to sleep.
- 5. For having your horse cremated, buried or any other form of disposal. This cover is provided in the optional 'Disposal following death' section, which is only included in your horse's cover if it's shown on your Certificate of Insurance.
- If your horse's death is deliberately caused by you, a member of your immediate family or the person looking after him/her.
- 7. If your horse's death is caused by a vice or from a behavioural illness or problem.
- 8. For the cost of a post-mortem examination and/or report.
- 9. If your horse's death is caused by medication which wasn't given by a vet or under the direction of a vet.
- 10. For a mare's unborn foal, embryo or foetus.

Your horse's condition must have met the BEVA Guidelines for the Destruction of Horses If your horse's put to sleep, to claim under this policy his/her condition must have met the BEVA Guidelines for the Destruction of Horses. These can be found on page 19.

If you want to know if your claim will be considered before your horse's put to sleep, we strongly recommend (unless your horse needs to be put to sleep immediately) you ask your vet if your horse's condition meets the criteria to understand if you're able to submit a claim under this insurance.

If your vet and our vet don't agree that your horse's condition meets/met the BEVA Guidelines for the Destruction of Horses, you can request that we appoint an independent vet, mutually agreed upon for their opinion. If you ask for this, you agree to accept the independent opinion and we'll do the same. We'll pay any costs relating to this.

#### The way we work out the 12 month time-limit

Your policy has a time limit for how long you can claim; you can claim for each illness and injury for 12 months only. After this time all cover for that injury or illness will stop. This means that this section will only provide cover if your horse dies or is put to sleep within this 12 month time limit.

#### For injuries

The **12 months** cover will start from the date the **injury** happened. If **your horse** has more than one **injury** and they:

- · Are diagnosed as the same injury, or
- · Happen at the same time, or
- · Are caused by, or relate to, one another,

One period of **12 months** will apply for all of the **injuries**. In this case the **12 months** of cover will start from the date the first **injury** happened.

#### For illnesses

The **12 months** cover will start from the date the **illness** or **symptoms** were first noticed. If **your horse** has suffered from the same **symptoms/illness** in the past, if they're:

- · Diagnosed as the same illness, or
- · Caused by, or relate to, one another,

The **12 months** cover starts from the very first time the **symptoms/illness** were seen. This applies in all cases regardless of whether:

- Your vet states the past and current illnesses are not linked, and/or
- The symptoms/illness presents in the same or different part of your horse's body.

#### When to send us your claim

You must send us your claim no later than one year after your horse's death. Any claims received after this time won't be covered by the policy.

#### When you claim you must send us:

- · A fully completed claim form.
- · Your horse's full veterinary history.
- If your horse was put to sleep a report from your vet that confirms your horse's condition has met the BEVA Guidelines for the Destruction of Horses.
- The post-mortem report (if required) **we** explain when **we** require a post-mortem examination to be carried out below.
- If the **veterinary history** confirms the death of **your horse**, **we** don't need any additional information from **you**. If it doesn't, please contact **us** and **we** can advise depending on the circumstances.

## Contacting us before your horse is put to sleep

We understand how difficult this time can be and we don't need you to contact us before your horse is put to sleep.

If you'd like to know if your claim will be paid before your horse's put to sleep, please contact us. As your horse's condition must meet the BEVA Guidelines for the Destruction of Horses to have a valid claim, we (or our vet), will need to speak with your vet before we can let you know if your claim will be paid.

#### When we require a post-mortem examination

**We** understand how difficult this time can be. For the majority of cases, **we** don't require a post-mortem examination to be carried out after **your horse**'s death. **We** only require **you** to arrange a post-mortem examination to be carried out and a report produced for the below two reasons:

- Your horse dies, or is put to sleep, in the first 14 days of cover and there have been no investigations
  carried out or diagnosis made, to confirm that your horse's death was caused by an injury.
- You, or your vet, has contacted us to understand if you're able to submit a claim under this insurance and our vet has advised that a post-mortem examination is necessary.

You must pay any costs for this. If you're unsure whether we require a post-mortem examination, please call us. Our details are in the section titled 'How to contact us' at the back of this booklet.

#### Your horse's class of use

You need to make sure your insurance covers all of the activities your horse takes part in. Your policy only covers any illness or injury which:

- · Happen when your horse is taking part in, or
- Are in any way related to your horse taking part in,

An activity that is shown as covered on your Certificate of Insurance.

You can find more information about how your horse's class of use affects your cover, in 'Your horse's class of use on page 5.

#### Another vet reviewing your horse's details

We can refer your horse's details and veterinary history to a vet that we choose and if we request, you must arrange for your horse to be examined by this vet. We'll pay the costs for this.

#### Cover following a claim

If **we** pay a claim under this section, **we**'ll automatically cancel **your horse** from the policy from the day after his/her death. **We**'ll refund any premium **you**'ve paid for cover after this time.

# Your horse's cover will change to injury only at the renewal after his/her 20th birthday

At the renewal after **your horse**'s 20th birthday, **your** cover will automatically move to the **injury** only Mature Horse plan and all cover for **illness** will stop. **We**'ll remind **you** of this change in the two renewals before it happens.

# BEVA Guidelines for the Destruction of Horses Under an All Risks of Mortality Insurance Policy (1996)

This section states the wording as it appears in the British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA) document, the BEVA Guidelines for the Destruction of Horses Under All Risks Mortality Insurance Policy. *Source: BEVA*. If **you** need anymore information please visit the BEVA website – www.beva.org.uk

- BEVA considers that the decision to advise an owner to destroy a horse on humane grounds must be the
  responsibility of the attending veterinary surgeon, based on his or her assessment of the clinical signs
  at the time of examination, regardless of whether or not the horse is insured. The veterinary surgeon's
  primary responsibility is to ensure the welfare of the horse.
- BEVA recognises that there may be occasions when the attending veterinary surgeon will advise
  euthanasia but that such a decision may not necessarily lead to a successful insurance claim. It is
  important that all parties are aware of this potential conflict of interests before a horse is destroyed. It is the
  owner's responsibility to ensure compliance with any policy contract with an insurer.
- 3. As a guide, BEVA considers that an affected horse will need to meet the following requirements to satisfy a claim under a mortality insurance policy: "That the insured horse sustains an injury or manifests an illness or disease that is so severe as to warrant immediate destruction to relieve incurable and excessive pain and that no other options of treatment are available to that horse at that time."

  If immediate destruction capacit be justified then the attending veteringly surgeon should provide effective.
  - If immediate destruction cannot be justified then the attending veterinary surgeon should provide effective first aid treatment before:
  - (i) Requesting that the insurance company be contacted or, failing that,
  - (ii) Arranging for a second opinion from another veterinary surgeon.
- 4. Insurance companies frequently require some form of examination after death. Owners should be made aware that it is in their best interests to retain the carcass, or appropriate parts, for this purpose. The horse should be positively identified.
- It should be stressed that in the event of a horse being destroyed on grounds which justify a claim it is still the responsibility of the insured to prove that all policy Terms and Conditions are complied with and were current at the time of the incident.

# Disposal following death

Cover in this section applies when your horse's in the UK.

The disposal section's an optional benefit that's only included in **your horse**'s cover if it's shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

#### What we'll pay

The cost to remove and dispose of **your horse**'s body if, during the **policy year**, he/she dies or has to be **put to sleep** by a **vet** due to **illness/injury** that's covered under the *Veterinary fees* section.

We'll pay up to the maximum benefit shown on your Certificate of Insurance.

#### When to send us your claim

You must send us your claim no later than one year after your horse's death. Any claims received after this time won't be covered by the policy.

# When you claim you must send us:

- A fully completed Death of your horse from injury or illness claim form.
- · The disposal receipt.

#### Your horse's cover will change to injury only at the renewal after his/her 20th birthday

At the renewal after **your horse**'s 20th birthday, **your** cover will automatically move to the **injury** only Mature Horse plan and all cover for **illness** will stop. **We**'ll remind **you** of this change in the two renewals before it happens.

# **Personal liability**

Cover in this section applies when your horse or your horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer's in the UK only.

The Personal liability section's an optional benefit that's only included in **your** cover if it's shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

In this section:

- 'You' and 'your' mean you or any person riding or handling your horse with your permission.
- 'Your horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer' means the horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer described on your Certificate of Insurance.

#### What we'll pay

If property is damaged or someone is killed, injured or falls ill, as a result of an incident involving **your horse** or **your horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer** during the **policy year** and **you**'re legally responsible, **we**'ll pay:

- Compensation and claimant's costs and expenses, and
- Legal costs and expenses for defending a claim against you.

For incidents involving **your horse**: The **maximum benefit we**'ll pay for each incident is shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance 'Horse details'. If **you** have more than one horse insured under this policy please read 'Where there's more than one horse insured under the policy' on page 22.

For incidents involving your horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer. The maximum benefit we'll pay for each incident is shown on your Certificate of Insurance 'Trailer details'.

# What you pay - your excess

This is the amount **you** pay when **you** claim and it's explained on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

#### There's no cover in this section when you're paying a business or professional for a service

This section doesn't provide any cover if an incident or injury happens when a service is being carried out by a business or professional and **you**'re paying for it. For example (but not limited to), when a professional is being paid to clip or exercise **your horse**, when someone's caring for **your horse** as part of a livery service or a transporter is being paid to move **your horse**. To make sure **you**'re protected **you** may want to check that the business or professional has the relevant insurance cover in place (which covers **your horse**'s actions). It's also important that **you** tell them if **your horse** has any behavioural problems or requires any special handling so they're able to handle **your horse** in an appropriate manner.

# There's no cover in this section when your horse, your horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer's being used for a business activity

This section doesn't provide any cover when **your horse** or **your horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer**'s being used for any business activity, either by **you** or any other person or business. Examples of business activities are (but not limited to) **your horse** being used by a riding school/riding establishment for activities such as lessons, pony handling/grooming or pony parties or someone paying to use **your horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer**. To make sure **you**'re protected **you** may want to check that the person (which may be yourself) or business responsible for the business activity has the relevant insurance cover in place.

#### Other people riding your horse

If you've given someone permission to ride/handle your horse, this section also covers third party incidents involving your horse that they're legally responsible for. Under this section, the person riding/handling your horse won't be covered for their own injuries, illness or death. If other people ride/handle your horse, you need to tell us if they:

- · Have an injury, physical disability or condition, or
- · Are aged 75 and over

As this can affect the cover we provide.

For more details please read 'When we may require a medical examination' in this section.

#### Useful information if an incident occurs

We understand that if you or your horse are in an incident it can be a difficult experience. There are steps you can take to help us with any claim, including:

- · Note the time, date and location
- In as much detail as you can remember, note down the circumstances and what happened
- Take down details of the property damaged or the injuries that occurred
- Obtain third party contact and insurance details
- · Take pictures
- · Obtain the details of any witnesses

#### Actions you must take

# If you don't, we can refuse the claim.

- If an incident happens you must not admit responsibility and/or negotiate. You, or anyone acting on your behalf, must not admit responsibility, agree to pay any amount (including any third party veterinary bills or expenses) or negotiate with any person following an incident.
- · Call us as soon as possible if:
  - An incident happens which could lead to a claim under this section. For example (but not limited to) your horse causing injury to a third party or damaging third party property. You must tell us about an incident even if you don't believe that a claim is being, or will be, made against you.
  - You, or any other person, are advised of any prosecution, inquest or enquiry which could lead to a claim under this section.

**You** should call **our** specialist liability teams on 01483 218 781 for injury to a third party and 01483 218 782 for damage to third party property. The lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, excluding Bank Holidays. **You'**ll need to provide **us** with a description of the circumstances as well as the details of any other insurance cover that may apply.

- Report the incident to any other insurance company under which you're entitled to claim. You must tell us
  their name and address and your policy and claim number with them. We won't make any payment for any
  claim that results from an incident covered by any other insurance.
- Immediately send us any writ, summons or legal documents you receive. You or any other person must not
  respond to any of these documents.
- Provide us with any information connected with the claim we ask for including details of your horse's history.
- Tell us or help us find out all the circumstances of an incident that results in a claim, provide written statements and go to court if needed.
- Allow us to take charge of your claim and to prosecute in your name for our benefit.

#### We won't pay any compensation, costs and expenses:

- 1. For defending **you** that **we**'ve not agreed beforehand.
- Resulting from an incident which involves the profession, occupation or business of anyone who's employed by you or anyone who works for you in any way (paid or not).
- 3. If you're legally responsible only because of a contract you've entered into.
- For the death, injury or illness of you, an immediate family member or anyone who lives with you or is employed by you.
- 5. If the property damaged belongs to, or is the responsibility of, **you**, any person who lives with **you**, a member of your **immediate family** or any person who's employed by **you**.
- 6. That result from an incident if you've not followed instructions or advice given to you by a vet or a qualified behaviourist about your horse.
- If the incident happens in an area or place where horses are specifically prohibited, unless your horse escapes and enters the area outside of your control.

- 8. For an incident which occurs when **your horse** is tethered or when **your horse** had escaped from, or has been purposefully released from, a tether.
- If all or part of a fence, a wall, a gate or an agricultural crop is damaged while you're riding or handling your horse.
- 10. For a horse-drawn vehicle on the public highway if your horse is not drawing it.
- 11. If the incident or injury that takes place is a result of your profession, your occupation or while you're working for someone, whether you're paid or not.
- 12. If the incident results from a stallion serving or attempting to serve a mare or from any activity involving artificial insemination.
- 13. If you're responsible under the laws of any country, other than the UK or members of the European Union.
- 14. If you're responsible for air, water or soil pollution, unless it can be proven that the pollution took place immediately after and as a result of an incident caused by your horse or your horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer

#### We can remove cover for Personal liability at renewal

At renewal **we** can limit or remove this cover based on a review of **your horse**'s behaviour and the answers to **our** questions. For example (but not limited to) any aggressive tendencies shown, any incidents where **your horse** has caused injury to a person/another animal or any health conditions which can affect how **your horse** behaves. If there's a change to **your** cover, **we**'ll write to you explaining the change **we**'ve made.

At each renewal, **we** ask **you** about **your horse**'s behaviour and any heath conditions **you** have that may impact **your** ability to **ride** and handle a horse. The things **you** need to tell **us** about are detailed in **your** Certificate of Insurance. **You** must provide **us** with the full and accurate information, if **you** don't it can result in a claim not being paid or affect the cover **we** provide.

# Where there's more than one horse insured under the policy

If more than one of the horses insured under this policy are involved in, or contribute towards, an incident only one **maximum benefit** will apply to the incident for all of the horses. This means that if:

- The horses involved all have the same **maximum benefit**; the most **we**'ll pay for the incident is that **maximum benefit**. For example, if all of the horses insured each have a **maximum benefit** of £1million, **we**'ll pay no more than £1million for the incident.
- The horses involved have different **maximum benefits**; the most **we**'ll pay for the incident is the highest of the **maximum benefits**. For example if one horse has a **maximum benefit** of £1million, and another of £3million, **we**'ll pay no more than £3million for the incident.

#### Your horse's class of use

You need to make sure your insurance covers all of the activities your horse takes part in. Your policy only covers incidents which:

- Happen when your horse is taking part in, or
- Are in any way related to your horse taking part in,

An activity that is shown as covered on your Certificate of Insurance.

You can find more information about how your horse's class of use affects your cover, in 'Your horse's class of use on page 5.

#### When we may require a medical examination

- If you have an old injury, physical disability or condition before we provide cover for Personal liability, we
  can ask you to provide a letter from your doctor to confirm that you're safe to ride and handle your horse
  for the activities listed on your Certificate of Insurance.
- At the renewal after your 75<sup>th</sup> birthday and every three years from then on we can ask for a letter from your doctor to confirm that you're safe to ride and handle your horse for the activities listed on your Certificate of Insurance. If we've asked for this, we won't be able to cover you for 'Personal liability' while you're riding or handing your horse until we receive this. We'll write to you before your renewal to let you know when this is required.

If a charge is made for this, you must pay the charge.

#### Keeping your policy running after the incident that has led to a claim

You can keep your policy running for as long as you like after the incident that has led to a claim. If you decide to cancel your policy, we'll continue to pay up to the maximum benefit for the incident that happened while your cover for Personal liability was in place.

Incidents involving your horse trailer while it's attached to (or becomes detached from) a vehicle

This section doesn't cover any incident that happens while **your** horse trailer's attached to (or becomes detached from) a vehicle. For example (but not limited to) while **your** trailer's being towed by **your** car. It's **your** responsibility to make sure **your** horse trailer has the appropriate insurance to cover Personal liability while it's attached to any vehicle that needs Third Party cover under any road traffic law.

#### Personal accident

Cover in this section applies when your horse's in the UK.

The Personal accident section's an optional benefit that's only included in **your** cover if it's shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

In this section, 'you' also includes anyone riding or handling your horse with your permission.

#### What we'll pay

If you're injured, hospitalised or die due to an accident that happens while you're riding or handling your horse, during the policy year, we'll pay up to the amount in the table below.

Cover	Maximum benefit
1. Death	£10,000
2. Permanent blindness in one or both eyes	£10,000
3. Loss of one or more limbs*	£10,000
4. Permanent total disablement	£10,000
5. Hospital benefit	£50 each 24 hours
6. Emergency dental treatment	£1,000

<sup>\*</sup> Physical severance at or above the wrist or ankle or the total and permanent loss of use of an entire hand, arm. foot or leg.

# Permanent total disablement

We'll pay you £10,000 if:

- It's been at least 52 weeks since the accident happened, and
- A doctor confirms you've suffered permanent damage as a result of the accident, which
  means you'll never be able to carry out any type of work.

To claim under this section, **your** injury must be so severe that **you**'ll never be able to carry out any type of work. **You** can't claim under permanent total disablement if **you** can no longer carry out **your** current profession but are capable of carrying out any other type of work. This is the case even if **you** need to retrain to carry out an alternative type of work.

There's no cover under this section if **you**'re retired and have permanently stopped working.

# Hospital benefit

**We**'ll pay **you** £50 for each 24 hours **you**'re hospitalised as a result of the accident, for a maximum period of 30 days.

#### There's no cover in this section when your horse is being used for a business activity

This section doesn't provide any cover when **your horse** is being used for any business activity, either by **you** or any other person or business. Examples of business activities are (but not limited to) **your horse** being used by a riding school/riding establishment for activities such as lessons, pony handling/grooming or pony parties. To make sure **you**'re protected **you** may want to check that the person (which may be yourself)/business responsible for the business activity has the relevant insurance cover in place.

# Other people riding your horse

This section covers accidents that happen when other people are **riding** and/or handling **your horse** with **your** permission. If other people **ride**/handle **your horse**, **you** need to tell **us** if they:

· Have an injury, physical disability or condition, or

· Are aged 75 and over

As this can affect the cover **we** provide. For more details please read 'When we may require a medical examination' in this section.

#### We won't pay any amount if:

- Your death, permanent total disablement, permanent blindness or loss of one or more limbs(s) happens more than 24 months after the date you were injured.
- 2. The dental treatment isn't directly related to the accident.
- 3. The person injured is under 5 years old.
- 4. The incident or injury that takes place is a result of any business activity, **your** profession, **your** occupation or while **you**'re working for someone, whether **you**'re paid or not.
- 5. The injury resulted from suicide, attempted suicide or **you** deliberately injuring yourself.
- The injury was caused because you deliberately put yourself in danger unless it was in an attempt to save someone's life.
- 7. The injury results from **you** being under the influence of alcohol.
- 8. The injury results from **you** taking a drug unless it was under proper medical supervision and not to treat any drug addiction.

# When to send us your claim

You must send us your claim within the timescales stated below. Any claims received after these times won't be covered by the policy.

- For dental treatment and/or hospitalisation you must send us your claim within 12 months of the injury happening.
- For permanent total disablement you must send us your claim within 18 months of the injury happening.
- If you're claiming for death or anything else you must send us your claim within 30 months of the injury happening.

# When you claim you must send us:

- · A fully completed claim form.
- As each claim will be different, please contact us and we'll advise what additional documents are needed.

#### We can remove cover for Personal accident at renewal

At renewal **we** can limit or remove this cover based on a review of **your horse**'s behaviour and the answers to **our** questions. For example (but not limited to) any aggressive tendencies shown, any incidents where **your horse** has caused injury to a person/another animal or any health conditions which can affect how **your horse** behaves. If there's a change to **your** cover, **we**'ll write to **you** explaining the change **we**'ve made.

At each renewal, **we** ask **you** about **your horse**'s behaviour and any heath conditions **you** have that may impact **your** ability to **ride** and handle a horse. The things **you** need to tell **us** about are detailed in **your** Certificate of Insurance. **You** must provide **us** with the full and accurate information, if **you** don't it can result in a claim not being paid or affect the cover **we** provide.

#### If you had an injury, physical disability or condition before the accident leading to a claim

If an injury is worse because of an old injury, physical disability or condition that **you** had before the accident, **we**'ll only pay a percentage of **your** claim. The percentage will be based on the amount the old injury, physical disability or condition affects, or is part of, the new injury.

If you disagree with the percentage decided, you can request that we appoint a mutually agreed independent doctor for their opinion. If you ask for this, you agree to accept the independent opinion and we'll also do the same. We'll pay any costs relating to this.

#### Wearing protective headgear

You must wear current BSI/European approved protective headgear at all times when riding your horse. We'll only cover a claim related to a head injury if you do this.

#### Multiple disabilities

If you suffer from more than one of the disabilities numbered 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the table on page 23, we'll only pay £10,000 for all of the disabilities.

#### Your horse's class of use

You need to make sure your insurance covers all of the activities your horse takes part in. Your policy only

covers incidents which:

- · Happen when your horse is taking part in, or
- Are in any way related to your horse taking part in,

An activity that is shown as covered on your Certificate of Insurance.

You can find more information about how your horse's class of use affects your cover, in 'Your horse's class of use on page 5.

#### When we may require a medical examination:

- After an accident that has led to a claim as part of the claims assessment there may be times when we
  require you to be examined by a medical advisor or doctor. If we advise this is needed, we can appoint our
  own medical advisers to examine you as often as we feel is necessary. We'll pay any costs for this.
- If you have an old injury, physical disability or condition before we provide cover for Personal accident, we
  can ask you to provide a letter from your doctor to confirm that you're safe to ride and handle your horse
  for the activities listed on your Certificate of Insurance. If a charge is made for this, you must pay the charge.
- At the renewal following your 75th birthday and every three years from then on we can ask for a letter from your doctor to confirm that you're safe to ride and handle your horse for the activities listed on your Certificate of Insurance. If we've asked for this, we won't be able to cover you for 'Personal accident' while you're riding or handing your horse until we receive this. We'll write to you before your renewal to let you know when this is required. If a charge is made for this, you must pay the charge.

#### Keeping your policy running after the accident that has led to a claim

You can keep your policy running for as long as you like after the accident that has led to a claim. If you decide to cancel your policy, we'll continue to pay up to the maximum benefit for the accident that occurred while your cover for Personal accident was in place.

Once **we**'ve paid a claim for any of the disabilities numbered 2, 3 or 4 in the table on page 23, all cover for all of these stop. If **you** have another accident **you** can't claim for any of these disabilities.

**We** won't automatically remove **your** Personal accident cover if **we** pay a claim under this section. If **you** want to stop cover **you** need to let **us** know and this benefit can be removed from the date **you** ask **us** to do this. **We**'ll refund any amount **you**'ve paid for cover after the cancellation date. **We** won't refund any premiums paid for cover before the date **you** tell **us you** want cover in this section to stop.

# Loss by theft or straying

Cover in this section applies when your horse's in the UK.

#### What we'll pay

If your horse goes missing or is stolen during the policy year and doesn't return within 90 days, we'll pay:

- The sum insured shown on your horse's Certificate of Insurance (or his/her market value, whichever is less) if he/she isn't found, and
- Up to £300 for the cost of advertising to try and find your horse and the reward you've paid when he/she's found

#### Actions you must take

#### If you don't, we can refuse the claim

- Tell the police within 24 hours and get a crime reference number.
- Tell **us** within 7 days of **your horse** going missing. **You** can find **our** details at the back of this booklet.
- Try and find your horse by advertising his/her loss (this section includes cover for the costs).
- · Not freely part with your horse.

#### When to send us your claim

You must send us your claim no later than one year after your horse went missing. Any claims received after this time won't be covered by the policy.

You can send us your claim once your horse has been missing for more than 90 days.

#### When you claim you must send us:

- · A fully completed claim form.
- Evidence of the police being told within 24hrs of your horse going missing.
- Evidence of the advertising carried out to try and find your horse.
- •Your horse's original passport or purchase receipt showing you as the owner, or if your horse is on loan, the legal owners name.

If you're claiming for advertising or reward please also send us:

- The invoices and receipts to show the costs you're claiming for.
- If a reward has been given a receipt giving the full name, address, telephone number or email address of the person who found your horse. If you provided a monetary reward, we'll also need their signature.

We recommend you send any original documents to us by recorded delivery.

# We won't reimburse any reward which has been paid to anyone who:

- Is a member of your immediate family,
- · Has your horse on loan,
- · Lives with you,
- · Is employed by you,
- · Was caring for your horse when he/she was lost or stolen,
- Stole your horse.
- Is in collusion with the person who stole your horse.

# Cover following a claim

If **we** pay a claim under this section, **we**'ll automatically cancel **your horse** from the policy from the date **we** settle the claim. **We**'ll refund any premium **you**'ve paid for cover after this time.

#### If your horse returns

If your horse is found after we've paid you his/her sum insured (or market value) you must repay this full amount within the timescales we and you agree.

## Permanent loss of use

Cover in this section applies when your horse's in the UK.

The Permanent loss of use section is an optional benefit that's available for horses with a **sum insured** of £2,000 and over. It's only included in **your horse**'s cover if it's shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

#### What we'll pay

If, during the **policy year**, **your horse** first shows **symptoms** of an **injury** or **illness** which permanently and physically prevents them from participating in one of the insured activities, **we'**ll pay:

- If your horse can never be ridden again the sum insured (or your horse's market value, whichever is less).
- If your horse can still be ridden the above, minus £500 towards the amount your horse is now worth.

To claim under this section, **your horse** must have been trained to do, or have participated in, the activity that he/she can never participate in again.

To help with **your** understanding of this section, **we**'ve provided an example of when **we**'d pay a Permanent loss of use claim. A horse competes in Eventing and is diagnosed with arthritis. The vet confirms that the horse's arthritis is so severe it permanently prevents them from being ridden and competing in Eventing. **We**'d pay the horse's **sum insured** (or their **market value**, whichever is less).

#### When we'll automatically remove this section of cover

We'll automatically remove this section of cover:

- At the renewal after your horse's 17th birthday,
- If you reduce your horse's sum insured to less than £2,000.

All cover in this section will stop from the date it's removed.

#### We won't pay any amount if:

- The permanent loss of use is caused by a pre-existing condition. It's important to read 'If your horse was unwell before your cover started – pre-existing conditions' on page 7 and our definition of 'Pre-existing condition' on page 4 for further information.
- 2. The permanent loss of use is caused by an **illness which starts in the first 14 days of cover**. It's important to read '*Illnesses that happen in the first 14 days of your horse's cover*' on page 8 and **our** definition of '*Illness which starts in the first 14 days of cover*' on page 3 for further information.
- 3. The permanent loss of use results from a vice or from a behavioural illness or problem.
- 4. Your horse was less than 2 at the beginning of the policy year as shown on your Certificate of Insurance.
- 5. Your horse isn't allowed to participate in any competition because of any blemish or scar.

#### The way we work out the 12 month time-limit

Your policy has a time limit for how long you can claim; you can claim for each illness and injury for 12 months only. After this time all cover for that injury or illness will stop. This means a vet must confirm your horse meets the Permanent loss of use criteria within this 12 month limit.

#### For injuries

The **12 months** cover will start from the date the **injury** happened. If **your horse** has more than one **injury**, and they:

- · Are diagnosed as the same injury, or
- · Happen at the same time, or
- Are caused by, or relate to, one another,

One period of **12 months** will apply for all of the **injuries**. In this case the **12 months** of cover will start from the date the first **injury** happened.

# For illnesses

The **12 months** cover will start from the date the **illness** or **symptoms** were first noticed. If **your horse** has suffered from the same **symptoms/illness** in the past, if they're:

- · Diagnosed as the same illness, or
- · Caused by, or relate to, one another,

The **12 months** cover starts from the very first time the **symptoms/illness** were seen. This applies in all cases regardless of whether:

- · Your vet states the past and current illnesses are not linked, and/or
- The **symptoms/illness** presents in the same or different part of **your horse**'s body.

#### When to send us your claim

You must send us your claim within 12 months of first noticing the illness or injury that caused your horse's Permanent loss of use. We won't cover any claims received after that time.

#### When you claim you must send us:

- · A fully completed claim form.
- Your horse's full veterinary history.
- Details of the activities your horse participated in before the illness or injury started.
- A report from your vet giving details of your horse's illness or injury and any treatment given to date, their
  opinion about his/her future ability and the reasons why this permanently prevents them for participating in
  one of the insured activities.

#### Your horse must be freeze marked loss of use

After **we**'ve agreed to settle your **claim**, **your horse** must be freeze marked loss of use. **We**'ll contact **our** service provider who'll arrange an appointment with you to freeze mark **your horse**. **We** won't pay the claim until **we**'ve received confirmation this been carried out. **We**'ll pay the freeze mark costs.

You don't need to do this if your horse has been put to sleep. We'll pay the claim once we receive vet confirmation that your horse has been put to sleep.

#### Our vet will review your claim

We'll refer your claim to a vet that we choose. Both our vet and your vet must agree that your horse will never be able to participate in one of the insured activities.

If your horse's being treated for the illness or injury, both your vet and our vet must agree that, despite treatment, they'll never participate in one of the insured activities. If they can't determine this, you'll need to wait until your horse has completed its treatment. If your vet and our vet don't agree, you can request that we appoint a mutually agreed independent vet for their opinion. If you ask for this, you agree to accept the independent opinion and we'll do the same. We'll pay the costs relating to this.

#### Your horse's class of use

You need to make sure your insurance covers all of the activities your horse participates in. Your policy only covers any illness or injury which:

- · Happen when your horse is participating in, or
- · Are in any way related to your horse paricipating in,

An activity that is shown as covered on your Certificate of Insurance.

You can find more information about how your horse's class of use affects your cover, in 'Your horse's class of use on page 5.

#### Cover following a claim

If we pay a Permanent loss of use claim, we'll automatically remove this section from the date we settle your claim. We'll also lower your horse's class of use and reduce your horse's sum insured to reflect his/her market value. We'll refund any premium you've paid for cover after this time.

# Saddlery and tack

Cover in this section applies in the UK.

The Saddlery and tack section's an optional benefit that's only included in **your** cover if it's shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

#### What we'll pay

If your saddlery and tack's stolen, damaged or destroyed during the policy year, we'll pay:

- The cost of repairing the item if it's damaged to bring it back to the same condition it was in before it was damaged, or
- The cost of replacing the item with a new item of the same (or similar) brand, make and type, if the cost of repair is more than the item was worth, or it's stolen or destroyed.

We'll pay up to the maximum benefit shown on your Certificate of Insurance for each incident.

# What you pay - your excess

The excess is the amount **you** pay when **you** claim and this is deducted from **your** claim settlement(s). The excess **you** pay under this section is shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

# What you need to do if your saddlery and tack has been stolen or deliberately damaged: If you don't, we can refuse the claim

• Tell the police within 24 hours and get a crime reference number.

# Security- when your saddlery and tack's left unattended it must be kept in:

#### If it isn't, we can refuse the claim

- A locked vehicle the item must be kept in the locked boot or covered luggage area, or
- A locked house, bungalow, flat or other domestic building that you live in all doors must have been locked with 5-lever mortice deadlocks, or
- A locked building or part of a building that you don't live in the building or part of the building that the item's
  kept in must have a secure roof, all doors must have been locked with 5-lever mortice deadlocks and all
  windows must be secured with steel bars or steel grids, or
- A large metal shipping container that can't be moved this only applies where the details have been
  discussed with us and we've confirmed cover is in place. Our confirmation must be detailed on your
  Certificate of Insurance and must have been given before any incident happens which leads to a claim.

#### We won't pay any amount:

- 1. For rugs, blankets, clothing or personal effects such as, but not limited to, hats and body protectors.
- 2. Due to theft if there's no forcible violent entry to the building or vehicle where the item was kept.
- 3. For damage caused by:
  - · Wear and tear,
  - · The actions of moths, insects, vermin or pests,
  - Any other cause that happens slowly.
- 4. For damage that happens during cleaning, dying or repairing.
- 5. For adjustments to make the item fit your horse.
- 6. If the item's lost, stolen or damaged when being used for a business activity or as part of your work (whether you're paid or not). For example, but not limited to, when someone's using the item in a professional lesson or at a riding establishment.

### When to send us your claim

You must send us your claim no later than one year after the loss or damage to your saddlery and tack. Any claims received after this time won't be covered by the policy.

#### When you claim you must send us:

- · A fully completed claim form.
- If your item has been stolen:
  - Evidence showing the police being told within 24hrs of you finding the item has been stolen,
  - Two quotations to replace the item with a new equivalent item, and
  - Photographs showing the damage to the place where the item(s) were stolen from.
- If your item's damaged and repairable:
  - Two estimates for repair, and
  - Photographs showing the damage to the item.
- If your item's damaged and not repairable:
  - Written confirmation from a saddler stating the item's damaged beyond repair,
  - Two quotations to replace the item with a brand new equivalent item, and
  - Photographs showing the damage.

### You must own or be legally responsible for your saddlery and tack to claim under this section:

- If you own the item cover under this section will stop immediately if ownership is transferred to another person or organisation.
- If you're legally responsible for its value due to a contract you've entered into cover under this section will stop immediately once the saddlery and tack's returned to its owner. When you claim, we'll need a copy of the contract which shows you're legally responsible.

#### Other insurances

**We** won't make any payment for any claim that results from an incident covered by any other insurance, for example **your** home and contents insurance. If there's any other insurance under which **you**'re entitled to make a claim **you** must report the incident to that insurance company and tell **us** their name and address and **your** policy and claim number with them.

## If your stolen saddlery and tack's found

If your stolen saddlery and tack's found after we've paid the replacement value, you must repay this full amount within the timescales we and you agree.

#### Horse-drawn vehicles and horse trailers

Cover in this section applies in the UK.

The Horse-drawn vehicle and horse trailer section's an optional benefit that's only included in **your** cover if it's shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

#### What we'll pay

If your horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer's stolen or damaged during the policy year, we'll pay:

- The cost of repair to bring it back to the same condition it was in before it was damaged, or
- The **sum insured** (or the items **market value**, whichever is less) if the cost of repair is more than it was worth, it's not repairable or its been stolen.

#### What you pay - your excess

The excess is the amount **you** pay when **you** claim and this is deducted from **your** claim settlement(s). The excess **you** pay under this section is shown on **your** Certificate of Insurance.

# What you need to do if your horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer has been stolen or deliberately damaged

#### If you don't, we can refuse the claim

You must tell the police within 24 hours and get a crime reference number.

# Security- when your horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer isn't in use, it must be:

# If it isn't, we can refuse the claim

- · Secured with wheel clamp, or
- · Secured with tow hitch lock, or
- Stored in a locked building all doors must be locked with 5-lever mortice deadlocks. Cover will only be
  provided where the locks aren't 5-lever mortice deadlocks if the details have been discussed with us and
  we've confirmed cover is in place. Our confirmation must be detailed on your Certificate of Insurance and
  must have been given before any incident happens which leads to a claim.

# There's no cover in this section when your horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer's with a business or professional

This section doesn't provide any cover when **your horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer**'s with a business or a professional for their services and they're being paid. For example (but not limited to) when **your** trailer's with a repairer. To make sure **you**'re protected **you** may want to check that the business or professional has the relevant insurance cover in place.

#### We won't pay any amount:

- 1. For damage caused by:
  - Wear and tear.
  - The actions of moths, insects, vermin, pests, mildew, mechanical or electrical breakdown,
  - Any other cause that happens slowly.
- If your item's in the care of a business or a professional and you're paying for their services. For example, but not limited to, a repairer.
- 3. For damage that happens during cleaning or repairing.
- 4. For recovery and/or storage.
- For damaged tyres.
- For damage that happens to your horse-drawn vehicle while it's being used in, or training for, competitions, trials or cross-country events.

#### When to send us your claim

You must send us your claim no later than one year after the loss or damage to your horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer. Any claims received after this time won't be covered by the policy.

## When you claim you must send us:

- · A fully completed claim form.
- · The original purchase receipt.
- Documentation to support the current value, such as (but not limited to) advertisements of similar items or a letter from the supplier.

- · If your item has been stolen:
  - Evidence showing the police being told within 24hrs of you finding your item has been stolen, and
  - Two quotations to replace the item with an item of the same age, condition, make and model at the time the loss or damage occurred.
- If your item's damaged and repairable:
  - Two estimates for repair, and
  - Photographs showing the damage to your item.
- If your item's damaged and not repairable:
  - Written confirmation from the repairer showing the item's damaged beyond repair, stating the approximate value before damage and the current salvage value.
  - Two quotations to replace the item with an item of the same age, condition, make and model at the time the loss or damage occurred, and
  - Photographs showing the damage to the item.

# You must own or be legally responsible for your horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer to claim under this section:

- If you own the item when you claim, we'll need the original purchase receipt showing you as the owner.
- If you're legally responsible for its value due to a contract you've entered into when you claim, we'll need a
  copy of this contract.

Cover under this section will stop immediately if ownership is transferred to another person or organisation.

#### Salvage value

Where the item is damaged beyond repair the salvage value will be deducted from the amount we pay you.

#### Cover following a claim

If **we** pay a claim for **your** stolen or destroyed horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer, **we**'ll automatically cancel this from **your** policy on the date **we** settle the claim. **We**'ll refund any premium **you**'ve paid for cover after this time, or adjust **your** future premiums based on this cover being removed.

#### If your stolen horse-drawn vehicle or horse trailer's found

If this is found after we've paid the claim, you must repay the full amount within the timescales we and you agree.

# General conditions that apply to all sections of your policy

You must keep to these conditions to have the full protection of your policy. If you don't, and the condition you haven't kept to relates to a claim, we can refuse the claim.

#### 1. Where you and your horse live:

- You and your horse must live in the UK. The only exception to this are serving members of the UK
   Armed Forces with a British Forces Post Office (BFPO) address.
- If your address changes you must tell us as soon as possible as this can affect your premium and the cover we provide.

Your cover can be affected if you provide incorrect information about where you live.

#### 2. Ownership of your horse

You must be the owner of your horse or have your horse on loan:

- If you own your horse your cover will stop immediately if ownership is transferred to another person
  or organisation.
- If you have your horse on loan your cover will stop immediately once your horse is returned to his/ her owner.

#### 3. Paying your premium

This policy is only in force if **you** pay the premium. If **you** pay by Direct Debit instalments and **you** miss an instalment, **you** must pay the outstanding amount within the timescales stated in the reminders **we** send **you**. If **you** don't, **we**'ll cancel **your** policy back to the last day **you**'ve paid for cover. All cover will stop from that date and no further claims will be paid.

#### 4. The changes we can make during the policy year

We'll only change the cover we provide during the policy year, if:

- You decide to change your cover.
- You didn't tell us about something when we previously asked.
- You provided us with inaccurate information when previously asked (regardless of whether or not you
  thought it was accurate at the time).

We'll only change your premium during the policy year, if:

- We find out new information about your horse or your insured item that affects the premium.
- · You decide to change your cover.
- · Your address changes and this affects the premium we charge.

Any other changes will only be made to **your** policy at renewal.

**We** can also change the way **we** communicate with **you** if **you**'ve used inappropriate, aggressive or threatening language against a member of **our** staff. For example, **we** can refuse to speak with **you** over the telephone and only communicate in writing.

The changes we can make at the renewal of your policy are explained in 'Renewing your policy' on page 5.

## 5. Keeping us informed of certain information

Throughout **your** policy **you** need to tell **us** about certain information. The things **you** need to tell **us** about are detailed in **your** Certificate of Insurance and it's important **you** check any new documents **we** send to understand the information **we** need. **You** need to provide **us** with the full and accurate information, if not it can result in a claim not being paid or affect the cover **we** provide.

# 6. Providing information

You agree:

- To give us any information and documents we ask for to administer your policy and deal with your claim.
- That any vet or professional who you've consulted with about your horse has your permission to give
  us any information we ask for about him/her.

If a charge is made for this, you must pay the charge.

# 7. If you're a member of veterinary staff

If you're a vet or a registered veterinary nurse, you can treat your own horse but if you want to claim, you'll need to provide the relevant clinical notes to evidence the veterinary treatment provided and another vet or registered veterinary nurse must countersign the claim form.

# 8. Other insurances

**We** won't make any payment for any claim that results from an incident covered by any other insurance. If there's any other insurance under which **you**'re entitled to make a claim **you** must report the incident to that insurance company and tell **us** their name and address and **your** policy and claim number with them.

### 9. Legal rights against another person

If you have any legal rights against another person in relation to your claim, we can take legal action against them, in your name, at our expense. You must give us all the help you can and provide any documents related to the claim that we ask for.

#### 10. Horses on loan

If your horse's on loan to you, you may wish to let the owner of the horse know:

- The cover that's in place.
- Claims for your horse's value will be paid directly to you and not the horse's legal owner,
- When you claim we may ask for a copy of your horse's veterinary history while he/she was with their legal owner.

#### 11. Law and language:

- The laws of England and Wales apply to this insurance contract.
- Unless we agree otherwise the language of the policy and all communications relating to it will be in English.

# General exclusions that apply to all sections of your policy

- 1. Your horse's age there's no cover under this policy if your horse is:
  - · Less than 14 days old, or
  - 20 years or older at the start of your policy year. At the renewal after your horse's 20th birthday, his/ her cover will change to the injury only Mature Horse plan and all cover for illness will stop.
- 2. Laws and regulations all sections of your policy don't cover any amount:
  - If you break the UK laws or regulations, including those relating to animal health or importation.
  - If a government or another official body orders that your horse must be vaccinated against an illness as part of a compulsory mass vaccination programme. We won't pay any costs relating to the vaccination itself or any complications that happen due to the procedure taking place. For the purpose of this insurance, 'a mass vaccination programme' means a programme of the compulsory vaccination of a species, or a selected group within a species, with the aim of protecting that group, people or other animals from an illness or another risk.
  - If your horse is confiscated or destroyed under the order of any government, public or local authority or any other authority.
  - Incurred because the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has put restrictions on your horse.
  - · Connected with, or resulting from, a Criminal Court Case or an Act of Parliament.
- War, terrorism, civil commotion and radioactive contamination all sections of your policy don't cover any loss or damage caused by, or resulting from:
  - War of any nature, including but not limited to war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities and warlike actions (whether war be declared or not) and civil war.
  - Rebellion, riot, revolution, nationalization, confiscation, expropriation, deprivation, requisition, insurrection, civil commotion assuming to proportion of or amounting to an uprising and military or usurped power.
  - Any act of terrorism. An act of terrorism is any act of persons acting on behalf of, or in connection with, any organisation which carries out activities directed towards the overthrowing or influencing, by force or violence, of His Majesty's government in the United Kingdom or any other government de jure or de facto.
  - Ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste, from combustion of nuclear fuel, the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any nuclear assembly or nuclear component of such assembly.
- 4. All sections of your policy don't cover any claim relating to a disease transmitted from animals to humans.
- All sections of your policy don't cover any amount caused by or resulting from the pressure waves of an aircraft, spacecraft or anything else travelling at sonic or supersonic speed.

#### Fraud

Fraud increases your premium and the premiums of all policyholders.

### If you:

- · Provide us with false information,
- · Make a false or exaggerated claim with us, or
- Make any claim with us that involves your dishonesty.

**We** won't pay **your** claim and **we** can void **your** policy and inform the relevant authorities/other organisations and record the details on anti-fraud databases. If **we** pay a claim and subsequently find the claim was fraudulent, **you** must repay **us** the full amount.

'Void your policy' means we'll cancel your policy from the date the fraud occurred. If we take this action you must repay us any claim payments that were made from the date the fraud occurred; this is regardless of whether or not all of the claims were fraudulent. If any other insurer asks if you've had a policy void, you need to tell them that your policy with us was void. If you don't, this can invalidate any insurance policy you hold with any insurer who asks.

# **Cancelling your policy**

#### When you can cancel your policy

You can cancel your policy at any time, free of charge, by contacting us on the details found in the section titled 'How to contact us' at the end of this booklet:

- If you cancel in the first 14 days of your cover starting, we'll refund all of the premium you've paid.
- If you cancel in the first 14 days after your renewal date, we'll refund any amount you've paid for cover after that renewal date.
- If you cancel at any other time, we'll refund any amount you've paid for cover after the cancellation date.

#### When we can cancel your policy

We can cancel your policy if:

- You've been dishonest or fraudulent in any dealings with us,
- You've used inappropriate, aggressive or threatening language against a member of our staff,
- A vet or a welfare organisation informs us that you've been negligent towards your horse.

**We**'ll give **you** notice in writing to the address on **your** Certificate of Insurance and refund any amount **you**'ve paid for cover after the date **we** received the information that led to **our** decision to cancel.

**We** can also cancel **your** policy if **you** don't make payments when due. For details on this please read point 3 in the 'General conditions' section.

#### Cover following cancellation of a policy or removal of a section

If a section of cover is removed from **your** policy all cover in that section stops on the date the section is removed.

If your policy is cancelled or comes to an end for any reason, all cover will stop on the date the policy is cancelled/ends and no further claims will be paid. If you want us to continue to cover an illness or injury up to the limits on your policy, you must keep the cover in force and continue to make your payments during this time.

The only exception to this is **your** cover for *Personal liability* and *Personal accident* (if **you**'ve chosen this cover). **We**'ll continue to pay up to the **maximum benefit** for the accident/incident that happened while this cover was in place. It's important to read 'Keeping your policy running after the incident that has led to a claim' on page 22 and 'Keeping your policy running after the accident that has led to a claim' on page 25 or further information.

# Making a complaint

**Our** aim is to get it right, first time every time. If **you** have a complaint **we**'ll try to resolve it straight away. If **we**'re unable to, **we**'ll confirm **we**'ve received **your** complaint within five working days and do **our** best to resolve the problem within four weeks. If **we** can't **we**'ll let **you** know when an answer may be expected. If **we** haven't resolved the situation within eight weeks **we**'ll issue **you** with information about the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) which offers a free, independent complaint resolution service.

If you have a complaint, please contact our Complaints Team at:

Scottish Equestrian Insurance Services

Allianz Insurance plc

PO Box 224

Huddersfield

HD8 1FS

Phone 0345 026 4234

Email ahd.csm@allianz.co.uk

You have the right to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman, free of charge – but you must do so within six months of the date of the final response letter.

If you don't refer your complaint in time, the Ombudsman won't have our permission to consider your complaint and so will only be able to do so in very limited circumstances. For example, if the Ombudsman believes that the delay was as a result of exceptional circumstances.

The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR

Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk
Telephone: 0800 0234567 or 0300 1239123
Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Using our complaints procedure or contacting the FOS doesn't affect your legal rights.

# **Financial Services Compensation Scheme**

Allianz Insurance plc contributes to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). If **we**'re unable to meet **our** liabilities **you** may be entitled to compensation under the FSCS. Further information about compensation scheme arrangements is available at <a href="www.fscs.org.uk">www.fscs.org.uk</a>, by emailing <a href="mailto:enquiries@fscs.org.uk">enquiries@fscs.org.uk</a> or by phoning the FSCS on 0800 678 1100 or 0207 741 4100.

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Please find below a summary of our Privacy Notice. The full notice can be found on the Allianz UK website - www.allianz.co.uk/privacy-notice.html

If you would like a printed copy of our Privacy Notice, please contact the Data Rights team using the details below.

Allianz Insurance plc is the data controller of any personal information given to us about you or other people named on the policy, quote or claim. It is your responsibility to let any named person know about who we are and how this information will be processed.

When we refer to "we", "us" and "our" in this notice it means Allianz Insurance plc, Allianz Engineering Inspection Services Limited, Pet Plan Limited and Vet Envoy Limited who are all part of the Allianz UK Group which includes insurance companies, insurance brokers and other companies owned by the Allianz UK Group. Please see link for a detailed list of these companies here: https://www.allianz.co.uk/about-allianz/our-organisation.html#azuk

Anyone whose personal information we hold has the right to object to us using it.

They can do this at any time by telling us and we will consider the request and either stop using their personal information or explain why we are not able to.

If you wish to exercise any of your data protection rights you can do so by contacting our Data Rights team:

**Phone:** 0208 231 3992

Email: datarights@allianz.co.uk

Address: Allianz Insurance plc, PO Box 5291, Worthing BN11 9TD

Any queries about how we use personal information should be addressed to our Data Protection Officer:

**Phone**: 0330 102 1837

Email: dataprotectionofficer@allianz.co.uk

Address: Data Protection Officer, Allianz Insurance plc, PO Box 5291, Worthing BN11 9TD

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