Frequently Asked Questions

More than 6 in 10 pet owners said their pet has had an emergency medical expense.\(^7\)

Q. What is pet insurance?
A. Similar to health insurance for you and your family, pet insurance is coverage for dogs and cats that can help you be prepared for unexpected vet costs. With MetLife Pet Insurance,\(^1\) you may be able to cover\(^2\) up to 100% on the veterinary care expenses from any licensed veterinarian, specialist or emergency clinic across the U.S.

Q. Why do I need pet insurance?
A. Now more than ever, pets are playing a significant role in our lives, and it is important to keep them safe and healthy. Perhaps you may have already experienced the cost of veterinary care for your pet. The average annual cost for a routine vet visit is $212 for a dog and $160 for a cat; and the average annual cost for a surgical vet visit is $426 for a dog and $214 for a cat.\(^3\)

Q. How does pet insurance work?
A. Our process is simple and straightforward. Take your pet to the vet and pay the bill, then send your claim to us. You can file by using our mobile app, online portal, email, fax or mail, and we'll process your claim within 10 days.\(^4\) Then, you'll receive reimbursement\(^5\) by check or direct deposit if the claim expense is covered under the policy.

Q. When does coverage start?
A. MetLife Pet Insurance\(^1\), provides among the shortest wait periods\(^6\) for accident and illness coverage. Accident coverage and wellness coverage (for those who select it) begin on the effective date of your policy. Illness coverage begins 14 days later.

Help take the worry out of covering the cost of unexpected visits to the vet with your furry family members with MetLife Pet Insurance.\(^1\)

Get a quote or enroll today!
Visit www.metlife.com/getpetquote or call 1 800 GET-MET8

Pets make your family whole. Cover them with Pet Insurance.
Help cover the costs of vet visits, accidents, illness and more.
Pet Insurance
Pet insurance can help reimburse you for covered unexpected veterinary expenses for your pet.

Q. What does it cover?
A. Coverage includes:
   • accidental injuries
   • illnesses
   • exam fees
   • surgeries
   • medications
   • ultrasounds
   • hospital stays
   • X-rays and diagnostic tests

And our coverage also includes:
   • hip dysplasia
   • hereditary conditions
   • congenital conditions
   • holistic care
   • chronic conditions
   • alternative therapies
   • and much more!

Q. What does it not cover?
A. Pre-existing conditions may not be covered — enroll your pets today and help make sure they’re protected.

Q. Can I visit any vet?
A. You can visit any licensed vet or emergency clinic in the U.S., and you and your veterinarian of choice can determine the best treatment plan and medical course of action for your pet. Once you’ve received and paid your bill, send it to us and we will process your claim for reimbursement if the claim expense is covered under the policy.

Q. How much pet insurance do I need?
A. We believe that every individual and their pet have unique needs. Hence we provide the ability to customize your coverage. Coverage is flexible and customizable so that you can choose the plan that works for you. Options include:
   • levels of coverage from $500–unlimited
   • $0–$2,500 deductible options
   • reimbursement percentages from 50%–100%

Q. How much will it cost?
A. Each pet’s premium will be unique based on the age, breed, location, as well as what coverage amount you select. Plus, if you go claim-free in a policy year, we’ll automatically decrease your deductible by $25 or $50.

Q. Are there any discounts?
A. Yes, a variety of discounts are available including:
   • Internet Purchase Discount
   • Military, Veteran & First Responder Discount
   • Healthcare Workers Discount
   • Animal Care Discount

B. How do I pay for my coverage?
A. You can set up an automatic payment from your bank or credit card with us.

1. Pet Insurance offered by MetLife Pet Insurance Solutions LLC is underwritten by Independence American Insurance Company (“IAIC”), a Delaware insurance company, headquartered at 485 Madison Avenue, NY, NY 10022, and Metropolitan General Insurance Company (“MetGen”), a Rhode Island insurance company, headquartered at 700 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI 02886, in those states where MetGen’s policies are available. MetLife Pet Insurance Solutions LLC was previously known as PetFirst Healthcare, LLC and in some states continues to operate under that name pending approval of its application for a name change. The entity may operate under an alternate, assumed, and/or fictitious name in certain jurisdictions as approved, including MetLife Pet Insurance Services LLC (New York and Minnesota), MetLife Pet Insurance Solutions Agency LLC (Illinois), and such other alternate, assumed, or fictitious names approved by certain jurisdictions.

2. Provided all terms of the policy are met. Application is subject to underwriting review and approval. Like most insurance policies, insurance policies issued by IAIC and MetGen contain certain deductibles, co-insurance, exclusions, exceptions, reductions, limitations, and terms for keeping them in force. For costs, complete details of coverage and exclusions, and a listing of approved states, please contact MetLife Pet Insurance Solutions LLC.


4. 80% of claims are processed within 10 days or less.

5. Reimbursement options include: 70%, 80%, 90% and 100%. In addition, there is also a 50% option for MetGen underwritten policies only and a 65% for IAIC underwritten policies only.

6. Wait period for accident coverage is midnight EST compared to 2 to 15 days for competitors; wait period for illness coverage is 14 days compared to 14 to 30 days for competitors, based on January 2021 review of publicly available summary information about competitors’ offerings. Competitors did not furnish copies of their policies for review. If you have questions about a particular competitor’s policy or coverage, please contact them or their representative directly.


8. Annual limit options range from $1,000–$25,000 in $1,000 increments. In addition, there is also a $500 annual limit option for MetGen underwritten policies. Unlimited benefit option subject to availability.

9. Deductible options range include: $0–$750 in $50 increments and $1,000, $1,250, $1,500, $2,000 and $2,500.

10. For IAIC underwritten policies only, premium will also be based upon the pet’s gender.

11. Your pet’s deductible automatically decreases by $25 (for IAIC underwritten policies) or $50 (for MetGen underwritten policies) each policy year that you don’t receive a claim reimbursement. May not be available in all states.

12. When coverage is purchased on-line, a premium discount will apply during the first year of the policy.

13. A discount is available to serving and retired members of the Armed Forces & First Responders.

14. For MetGen underwritten policies, a discount is also available to active healthcare workers.

15. A discount is applicable to staff/owners of animal care facilities.