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Our clinic strongly recommends pet insurance for all animals.

As veterinary care becomes more advanced and with many specialist facilities also available, treatments are becoming more expensive. Emergency care for a pet after a road accident can end up costing several thousand dollars and many conditions, such as diabetes, can require years of ongoing medication and testing to control. Finding funds to cover these costs often causes unnecessary stress and worry.

In order to avoid such problems, we urge you to consider insuring your pet and although it is not Medicare for pets, insurance does give protection against unexpected accident and illness.

In Great Britain, 80 per cent of pet owners have their animals insured. In Australia, the percentage is significantly lower. However, insurance has become more popular in recent years as more insurance companies become available, enabling you to make the right choice for you and your pet(s). Some companies even allow you to include your pets in your home and contents insurance.

Levels of cover

As with human health insurance there are different levels of cover available with each company, varying from accident insurance (e.g. road accident, poisoning) to full comprehensive cover for both accident and illness insurance (e.g. pancreatitis, cat flu). Some policies can also include coverage for routine visits to the vet for vaccinations and medications for heartworm and flea prevention.

Which one you choose will ultimately be a cost decision and what level of cover you feel you need for your pet(s). We have brochures available at our clinic from all the companies to help you make the right decision, though by law we are unable to recommend a particular policy.