

## Is your pet insured?

- WHY get my pet insured? We at the Animal Care Hospital, **strongly** recommend pet insurance. With the increasing advances being made in veterinary medicine and surgery, knowing that your pet is insured can give you the peace of mind that you are providing your pet with the best possible care without the financial burden.
- WHO are the companies that provide pet insurance? There are currently 4 insurance companies in Ireland, and no doubt in the near future there will be more. These companies are Allianz, Pet Insure, Blue and 123.
- WHEN should I get my pet insured? Illness or injuries can be sudden and unexpected, so why wait?! Once a problem is diagnosed/noted by a vet it is too late and an insurance policy will not cover for this condition. Insure your pet today so that you will be ready for the unexpected tomorrow!
- HOW do I choose between the insurance companies? There are lots of various policy offers available so some research is essential. Make sure you understand what the policy is offering and covering. We currently have the most experience with Allianz but we are happy where possible to answer any queries you may have.
- WHAT am I likely to save by having my pet insured? The following are typical costs of common injuries and illnesses that we encounter on a daily basis:
  - Road Traffic Accidents: €500-€4,000 (depending on number and severity of injuries)
  - Lameness; investigation and treatment: €300-€1,500 (depending on cause)
  - Foreign body ingestion: €500-€1,500 (depending on location and damage caused)
  - Accidental poisoning: €200-€800
  - Life long illness such as diabetes mellitus: Over a lifetime could mount to thousands!!
  - Heart conditions: Again over a lifetime can run into the thousands
  - Skin disorders and allergies: Over a lifetime will cost thousands
  - Osteoarthritis over many years: Can exceed a thousand too!
  - Gastroenteritis: Treatment and investigation can range from €75-€1,000 (dependent on cause)