



PRESS RELEASE

TierPartner from AXA Assistance: Cover and Security for Dogs and Cats

Munich / Frankfurt (Oder), April 2006 – The rising cost of healthcare has long since begun to make its impact felt on veterinary care for dogs and cats. There is, unfortunately, a long list of afflictions that might affect our four-legged companions: diseases affecting muscles, bones or joints, epilepsy, skin and eye conditions, and a wide range of infections and internal injuries. In any one of these cases, the cost of the treatment or operation that the beloved pet requires could escalate out of control and become a serious financial burden.

In order to keep these costs at a manageable level and thereby ensure that veterinary care for dogs and cats continues uninterrupted, AXA Assistance (part of the global AXA Group) offers an inexpensive insurance product based on the specialised veterinary needs of dogs and cats: TierPartner.

As living conditions and service requirements may vary greatly from client to client, AXA Assistance has developed two complementary health care packages for dogs and cats. These packages provide cover for services up to EUR 3,600 per year:

The TierPartner Compact tariff offers pet owners inexpensive cover for cost-intensive treatment that meets their needs. This package offers sensible basic cover, especially with regard to out-patient treatment, hospitalisation and surgical procedures for the pet concerned. Some additional services are included, such as consultation for legal matters relating to the pet.

Owners seeking an expanded range of conditions and services for the health and well-being of their pet could not do better than to choose TierPartner Top. This tariff exceeds the Compact package by additionally offering comprehensive coverage for prophylactic measures such as vaccinations, deworming and tick prevention.



Furthermore, the costs of kenneling and care would be covered, should the owner suddenly need to travel or be hospitalised.

The contribution is individually calculated, based on the age, size, breed and living conditions of the pet and also the manner of payment. Thus, the monthly premium for a five-year-old house cat living in an apartment will be Eur 10.45 per month, whereas a 5 year old dog of mixed breed which is 43 cm in size will cost Eur 19.00 to cover. Pet owners might, therefore, be able to justify the expense of the policy with only one visit to the vet. The applicable premium can easily be calculated by simply phoning 0180 - 50 70 500 (12 cents/minute or part thereof, Deutsche Telekom AG) or on the internet at www.AXA-TierPartner.de.

Irrespective of whether it's TierPartner Compact or TierPartner Top – our products provide sensible health insurance cover for your dogs and cats. In times of need, the owner of the pet will not be required to carry any advance costs, as we will settle invoices arising from treatment directly with the vet. In addition, to ensure highly competent treatment, we will recommend a highly professional and experienced veterinary practice when called at our 24-hour service centre.

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