



# Animal Hospital Of Parkland



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## Pet Health Insurance – Is it for you?

Is there anything that people like to think about less than the subject of health insurance? But its importance cannot be understated and in this economy it is better to be prepared. Health insurance for our pets has been around for many years, but it is something that few people take advantage of. Understanding insurance can be confusing. Are you getting your money's worth or is it just being wasted? What medical problems are covered and what are not? Do you want a total package coverage or just catastrophic coverage for that emergency? Thankfully, there are many pet health insurance providers in the industry now days with a wide range of services to meet every need. Having that coverage can mean peace of mind and potentially save your pet's life.

We are not in a position to recommend one pet insurance company over another. There are just too many variables. What we have done here is compile a list of the major pet health insurance providers in the US with links to their respective web sites. Most of them are pretty straight forward in explaining their products, explaining what is covered by their various plans, and what the cost is to you.

Please take a few minutes and look at their offerings. Having health care coverage is important to us all – our pets included. If we can be of any assistance, please give us a call and we will try to answer any questions you may have (you may need to contact the companies directly for specific answers).

### Pet Health Insurance Companies

Veterinary Pet Insurance (VPI): [www.petinsurance.com](http://www.petinsurance.com)

Purina Care Pet Health Insurance: [www.purinacare.com](http://www.purinacare.com)

Pets Best Insurance: [www.petsbest.com](http://www.petsbest.com)

Petplan Pet Insurance: [www.gopetplan.com](http://www.gopetplan.com)

24PetWatch: [www.24petwatch.com](http://www.24petwatch.com)

AKC Pet Healthcare Plan: [www.akcpethealthcare.com](http://www.akcpethealthcare.com)

Best Friends Pet Insurance: [insurebestfriends.com](http://insurebestfriends.com)

Cat Fanciers Assn Pet Healthcare Plan: [www.cfapetinsurance.com](http://www.cfapetinsurance.com)

Embrace Pet Insurance: [www.embracepetinsurance.com](http://www.embracepetinsurance.com)

Healthy Paws Pet Insurance: [www.healthypawspetinsurance.com](http://www.healthypawspetinsurance.com)

Petfirst Healthcare: [www.petfirsthealthcare.com](http://www.petfirsthealthcare.com)

Trupanion Pet Insurance: [trupanion.com](http://trupanion.com)

Trupanion is offering a free 30 day trial of their pet insurance for new puppies and kittens! We will be glad to provide you with the information after their first exam. There are no waiting periods, coverage is effective immediately and there is no obligation.

### The Tale of the Tapeworm...

A frequent question that we get asked by pet owners is; "what are those rice-grain-looking things crawling out of my dog's butt?!"

Those would be tapeworm segments. Dogs and cats get these particular type of tapeworms from eating fleas. The head of the tapeworm is buried in the pet's intestinal wall. They add the segments behind their head like a conveyor belt. When they develop eggs and reach the end, they will break off and crawl out of the pet's rear end. They will then spread the eggs around. If a flea larva finds the egg, they will eat it but not digest it. The tapeworm develops inside the flea. The flea then matures, jumps on the pet and they both get eaten when the pet chews at themselves. The flea dies, but the tapeworm lives on. This completes the life cycle. Kinda gross!

Flea & tick season is here! Buy 3 doses of Frontline Plus® and get one dose free!





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## We are changing to HomeAgain Microchips



Everyone is in agreement that having your pet microchipped is the single best thing that you can do to en-

HomeAgain Member Benefits:

### Lost Pet Recovery Network

Your pet is listed in our national pet registry with photo, description, owner's contact info, and emergency contacts.

sure that your pet is returned in the event that they are lost. What owners may not know is that there are many companies in the pet microchip business. For quite a while we have been recommending the resQ Microchip, but given all recent improvements in microchips and the additional benefits that come with them, we decided to look at the other microchips available and see which offers the best value for our clients.

With that in mind, we have decided to start recommending the HomeAgain Microchip. It is not only one of the most widely used microchips in the US (our local Humane Society also uses it), but it is also approved for international use in case you ever take your pet overseas. More importantly, it also comes with a long list of extra member benefits (as can be seen to the right) that can be renewed for a low annual fee. We think this is currently the best chip and benefits package currently available.

To get us started, for April & May, we are offering \$5.00 off of the cost of having your pet microchipped with the HomeAgain chip.



### Rapid Lost Pet Alerts

Dedicated recovery specialists send real-time pet alerts to volunteer veterinarians, shelters, and PetRescuers in the area.

### Personalized Lost Pet Posters

Create your Lost Pet Poster on the HomeAgain website and begin your search immediately.

### 24/7 Lost Pet Specialists

When your pet is found, HomeAgain is contacted and validates your pet's unique ID code and the contacts you to arrange the reunion.

### 24/7 Emergency Medical Hotline

Telephone assistance from licensed ASPCA veterinarians.

### Travel Assistance for Found Pets

Your HomeAgain membership covers up to \$500 in pet airfare when your dog or cat is found over 500 miles away.

## Holiday Pet Photo Contest Winners!

1st Place: Max!



2nd Place: Diesell



3rd Place: Penny!

