

## **Pet Insurance: Don't Think Twice About Saving Your Pet**

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The American Chemical Society is committed to protecting all of your family members—even the furry ones. ACS is now offering pet insurance through their member insurance program, which can save you money and take additional financial concerns out of an already-stressful situation of a sick or injured pet. PurinaCare and VPI Pet Insurance options both have the option to pick a plan that is right for your pet—whether it's a dog, cat, bird, reptile, or something else—and your family.

The Rusnak family is a great example of how pet insurance can be a huge benefit to your family\*:

The Rusnak family loves their dogs, Ginger and Pepper, and their pet insurance coverage allowed them to not think twice before saving the lives of not one but *both* of their dogs through hospitalization and extended treatment.

The Rusnaks were having trouble with a gopher in their backyard, so they tried to address the problem by putting poison in the gopher hole and filling it in. Being mindful of their terriers, Ginger and Pepper, they also put heavy flagstones over the top to keep the dogs away. That night, about an hour after Pepper and Ginger went out for their potty breaks, they both started throwing up violently. When the Rusnaks went outside, they discovered that the dogs had dug up the poison, which unbeknownst to them had a sweet smell and taste.

Ginger and Pepper required emergency hospitalization and were put on IVs and liver monitors for several days. Full recovery took even longer, with extended treatments. “It was expensive, but at the time we didn't think about the cost,” Mrs. Rusnak shares. “We just thought we'd do anything to save our dogs.”

Veterinary bills can be incredibly expensive, and the bills for Ginger and Pepper were no exception. But, with the Rusnaks' pet insurance through VPI, one of ACS's member options, they paid less than 40% of the total bill for Ginger and Pepper, saving them hundreds.

Like the Rusnaks, you probably consider your pets part of your family—and so does the American Chemical Society! Group Pet Insurance through VPI Pet Insurance and PurinaCare is now an ACS member benefit. Different plans with deductibles from \$100 to \$1,000 are available and cover different pet needs, such as injuries, illness, or even hereditary conditions.

For more information on ACS member pet insurance, visit [acs.org/insurance](http://acs.org/insurance) and select Pet Insurance to learn more.

\*The Rusnaks share their story on VPI's website:

<http://www.petinsurance.com/How-VPI-Works/policyholder-stories/pepper-and-ginger.aspx>