

## Insurance Company Extends Pet Coverage

**Cats injured in car accidents are now covered under an insurance company's new policy at no additional charge.**

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Progressive Insurance Company expanded its collision insurance coverage this month to cover pets who are injured in car accidents, regardless of fault.

The insurance company will pay up to \$500 if a customer's cat is injured or dies as a result of an accident. The pet coverage is included on collision insurance policies at no additional charge. Typical car insurance policies cover pets in the car of the person who did not cause the accident, but not the pets of the person who caused the accident, Progressive reports.

"Knowing that most people see their pets as family members, this just felt like the right thing to do," says Geoff Souser, product manager for Progressive.

The pet coverage is currently available in 46 states, plus the District of Columbia. Cats do not have to be kenneled or restrained in the vehicle to be covered under the new policy.

"It's too early to say at this point," Souser says of customer feedback, "but we hope our customers will be pleased. We think they will appreciate the fact that Progressive understands how much their pets mean to them and is ready to help in case their dog or cat is injured in a collision."