



## PET CARE COSTS

How much is that doggie (or kitty, rabbit, rat, goldfish or guinea pig...) in the shelter window? In addition to the initial cost of adoption, there's a whole litany of expenses that the average pet owner will incur within a year. To make it easier for you to plan for your new arrival, we've prepared a financial breakdown of the annual costs of caring for a variety of species.

Costs	Notes	Sm Dog	Med Dog	Lg Dog	Cat	Rabbit	G. Pig	Sm Mamm	Sm Bird	Fish
<b>Annual Costs</b>										
Food	1	\$55	\$120	\$235	\$115	\$190	\$105	\$50	\$75	\$20
Recurring medical	2	\$210	\$235	\$260	\$160	\$70	\$70		\$85	
Litter	3				\$165	\$415	\$415	\$210		
Toys/Treats		\$40	\$55	\$75	\$25	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$25	
License		\$15	\$15	\$15						
Health Insurance	4	\$225	\$225	\$225	\$175					
Misc.		\$35	\$45	\$65	\$30	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15
<b>Annual Total</b>		<b>\$580</b>	<b>\$695</b>	<b>\$875</b>	<b>\$670</b>	<b>\$730</b>	<b>\$635</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<b>Capital Costs</b>										
Spay/neuter		\$190	\$200	\$220	\$145	\$160				
Other initial medical	5	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$130					
Collar/Leash		\$25	\$30	\$35	\$10					
Litter box					\$25	\$25				
Scratching post					\$15					
Cage						\$100	\$70	\$40	\$70	
Carrier bag		\$40	\$60		\$40	\$40				
Crate		\$35	\$95	\$125						
Aquarium Eqpt.	6									\$200
Training class		\$110	\$110	\$110						
<b>Capital Total</b>		<b>\$470</b>	<b>\$565</b>	<b>\$560</b>	<b>\$365</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Special Costs</b>										
Long Hair Groom		\$264	\$320	\$408						
<b>First year total</b>		<b>\$1,314</b>	<b>\$1,580</b>	<b>\$1,843</b>	<b>\$1,035</b>	<b>\$1,055</b>	<b>\$705</b>	<b>\$340</b>	<b>\$270</b>	<b>\$235</b>

- 1 Premium brand dry kibble
- 2 Exam, vaccinations, heartworm preventative & topical flea/tick preventative
- 3 Scoopable litter for cats, scooped daily; hardwood shavings or recycled paper products  
for rabbits, guinea pigs and small mammals, changed at least weekly
- 4 Insurance coverage varies: some policies cover spay/neuter, vaccinations and heartworm medication.  
The annual deductible will also vary depending on the policy.
- 5 Deworming, basic blood tests & microchip
- 6 Basic twenty gallon set up with light/hood, outside filter, undergravel filters, air pump and gravel  
Does not include fish.