



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	Ferret	Sm Bird	Fish
Annual Costs										
Food	1	\$212	\$319	\$400.31	\$224	\$144.80	\$45	\$323.80	\$192	\$12
Recurring medical	2	\$210	\$235	\$260	\$160	\$70	\$70		\$85	
Litter	3				\$165	\$208	\$144	\$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
Annual Total		\$737	\$894	\$1,040.31	\$809	\$477.80	\$304	\$573.80	\$317	\$27
Capital Costs										
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						
Capital Total		\$470	\$565	\$560	\$365	\$325	\$70	\$40	\$70	\$200
Special Costs										
Long Hair Groom		\$264	\$320	\$408						
First year total		\$1,471	\$1,779	\$2,008.31	\$1,174	\$802.80	\$374	\$613.80	\$387	\$227

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.