



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
Annual Costs										
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
Annual Total		\$580	\$695	\$875	\$670	\$730	\$635	\$300	\$200	\$35
Capital Costs										
Spay/neuter		\$190	\$200	\$220	\$145					
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	\$165	\$70	\$40	\$70	\$200
Special Costs										
Long Hair Groom		\$264	\$320	\$408						
First year total		\$1,314	\$1,580	\$1,843	\$1,035	\$895	\$705	\$340	\$270	\$235

- 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.