

## The costs of owning a cat

Below is a list of costs you will need to think about before deciding to become a pet owner. The first part looks at the starting cost of adoption or purchase and setting your pet up for success. The second part looks at the costs that come up every year.

Cats can live to up to 15-20 years.

Starting costs (First year)	Cost guide	Actual cost
Purchase/adoption:	\$0-\$2000	
Collar and bell:	\$10-\$50	
Name tag:	\$5-\$20	
Food and bowls:	\$600-\$1000 every year depending on quality	
Carrier and bed:	\$50-\$200	
Council registration:	\$0-\$100 (desexed or undesexed)	
Tray and litter:	\$130-\$250	
Desexing:	\$120-\$300 (male or female)	
Flea and worming treatments:	\$100-\$200	
Grooming:	\$50 depending on breed and needs	
Microchipping:	\$40-\$60	
Kitten vaccinations:	\$170-\$200	
Scratching post:	\$50-\$200	
Toys and treats:	\$50 minimum	
<b>Total for first year:</b>	<b>\$1,375-\$4,680</b>	
<b>Ongoing costs (Every year)</b>		
Annual vaccinations and veterinary check:	\$100-\$200	
Flea and worming treatments:	\$100-\$200	
Food:	\$600-\$1000	
Grooming:	\$50	
Toys and treats:	\$50 minimum	
Litter:	\$150 minimum	
<b>Total for second year:</b>	<b>\$1,050-1,650 minimum</b>	

Please note, all prices are a guide only.

This table does not include emergency vet treatments for sick or injured pets.

When you adopt a cat from an animal shelter, the cost of desexing, first vaccinations and microchipping are included as done before adoption.