

The costs of owning a dog

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 cost that come up every year.

Dogs can live to up to 15-20 years.

Starting costs (First year)	Cost guide	Actual cost
Purchase/adoption:	\$0-\$2000	
Collar, leash or harness:	\$40-\$100	
Name tag:	\$5-20	
Food and bowls:	\$800-\$1500 every year depending on quality	
Bed and/or kennel:	\$100-\$300	
Council registration:	\$20-\$100 (desexed or undesexed)	
Car restraint:	\$30 minimum	
Desexing:	\$200-\$500 depending on age, gender and size	
Flea and worming treatments, and heartworm prevention:	\$120-\$300	
Grooming:	\$50-\$100 depending on breed, needs and size	
Microchipping:	\$40-\$60	
Puppy vaccinations:	\$170-\$250	
Puppy training:	\$170 depending on provider	
Toys and treats:	\$50 minimum	
Total for first year:	\$1,795-\$5,480	
Ongoing costs (Every year)		
Annual vaccinations and veterinary check:	\$100-\$200	
Flea and worming treatments:	\$120-\$300	
Food:	\$800-\$1500	
Grooming:	\$50-\$100 depending on breed and needs	
Toys and treats:	\$50 minimum	
Total for second year:	\$1,120-\$2,150 minimum	

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 dog from an animal shelter, the cost of desexing, first vaccinations and microchipping are included as done before adoption.