



## Costs of Dog and Cat Care

Your new cat or dog will end up costing more than just the adoption fees! To make it easier for you to plan for your new pet, the Fluvanna SPCA has prepared a breakdown of estimated costs for the first year and then each year thereafter. Please note that this chart does not include sudden illnesses or emergencies, which can be very expensive and time-consuming. Puppies and kittens in particular can be very prone to illnesses their first year.

<b>Costs</b>	<b>Small Dog</b>	<b>Medium Dog</b>	<b>Large Dog</b>	<b>Cat</b>
<b><u>Annual Costs</u></b>				
Food <sup>1</sup>	\$55	\$120	\$235	\$115
Recurring Medical <sup>2</sup>	\$210	\$235	\$260	\$160
Litter <sup>3</sup>				\$165
Toys/Treats	\$40	\$55	\$75	\$25
License <sup>4</sup>	\$4	\$4	\$4	
Health Insurance <sup>5</sup>	\$225	\$225	\$225	\$175
Miscellaneous	\$35	\$45	\$65	\$30
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$569</b>	<b>\$684</b>	<b>\$864</b>	<b>\$670</b>
<b><u>One-Time Costs</u></b>				
Spay/Neuter <sup>6</sup>	\$190	\$200	\$220	\$145
Other Initial Medical <sup>7</sup>	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$130
Collar/Leash	\$25	\$30	\$35	\$10
Litter Box				\$25
Scratching Post				\$15
Carrier Bag	\$40	\$60		\$40
Crate	\$35	\$95	\$125	
Training Class	\$110	\$110	\$110	
<b>Total One-Time Costs</b>	<b>\$470</b>	<b>\$565</b>	<b>\$560</b>	<b>\$365</b>
<b>Total First Year Costs</b>	<b>\$1,039</b>	<b>\$1,249</b>	<b>\$1,424</b>	<b>\$1,035</b>
<b><u>Special Costs</u></b>				
Long Hair Grooming	\$264	\$320	\$408	
Dog Walking	\$10-\$20/hour			
Boarding	\$10-\$25/day depending on species, size and breed			
Pet Sitting	\$15-\$50 per day depending on if sitter stays overnight or if pet is dropped off at sitter's home			
Doggie Day Care	\$25-\$30/day			

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1. Premium brand dry kibble .
2. Exam, vaccinations, heartworm preventative & topical flea/tick preventative.
3. Scoopable litter for cats, scooped daily.
4. Assumes pet has been spayed/neutered and resides in Fluvanna County.
5. Insurance coverage varies: some policies cover spay/neuter, vaccinations and heartworm medication. The annual deductible will also vary depending on the policy.
6. May be done at a lower cost if low-cost spay/neuter clinics are available in the area.
7. Deworming, basic blood tests & microchip.