

# Annual Dog Care Costs

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Adopting a dog requires a financial commitment to her health and well-being. This chart will give you a rough idea of how big a commitment you should plan on. (These costs are estimates based on a survey of pet parents around the country-some may be higher or lower depending on where you live and the dog you adopt.)

<b>Expense</b>	<b>First Year</b>	<b>Each Following Year</b>
Adoption	\$0-500	N/A
Food	\$120-500	\$120-500
Nutritional Supplements*	\$0-100	\$0-100
Food/water bowls	\$10-40	\$0-25
Treats	\$20-200	\$20-200
Dental/chew toys	\$20-200	\$20-200
Routine veterinary exam	\$45-200	\$20-100
Vaccinations	\$60-150	\$60-150
Emergency veterinary care	\$0-2,000+	\$0-2,000+
Heartworm test**	\$0-35	\$0-35
Heartworm prevention	\$24-120	\$36-132
Fecal exams	\$10-30	\$10-20
Worming	\$10-25	\$10-25
Flea/Tick prevention	\$200-500	\$200-500
Spaying/neutering	\$35-200	N/A
Professional teeth cleaning	\$60-500	\$0-500
Collar(s)	\$7-50	\$0-40
Leash(es)	\$10-50	\$0-50
Training	\$30-250	\$0-200
Grooming tools	\$20-250	\$0-25
Professional grooming	\$0-1,200	\$0-1,200
Shampoo	\$5-50	\$5-50
Fence	\$0-2500	\$0-2500
Stain/odor removers	\$10-100	\$10-100
Doggy bed(s)	\$25-100	\$0-100
Crate(s)	\$20-250	\$0-250
Toys	\$10-200	\$0-200
Boarding, per day	\$15-50	\$15-50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$766-\$10,350</b>	<b>\$526-\$9,352</b>