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Are you considering taking on pet ownership?




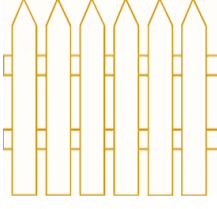


Pets can be a wonderful addition to the family. However, they also cost money long term and owners should be aware of the ongoing costs.

Here are some common costs:

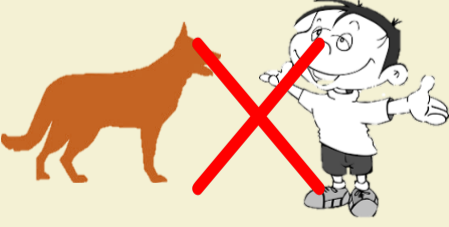

	Vaccinations for one year	\$200		Purchase price of a pet	\$200		Dishes/leashes/brushes/shampoo	\$100
	Shelter	\$200		Spay or Neuter	\$300		Treatment for an illness like Parvovirus	\$2000
	Fencing a yard to ensure safety of the pet	\$1200		Food for one year	\$600		Tick treatment and deworming annually	\$100
Potential Total Annual Costs								\$4900

Rabies is the most important disease that humans can get from animals and that animals can be vaccinated not to carry.



How can responsible owners prevent rabies?

-  Vaccinate your pets against rabies
-  Do not let your pets run loose. Keep your pets fenced or on a leash.
-  Teach children NEVER to approach un-familiar pets, strays or wild animals.
-  Do not try to stop a dog fight.

Children and dog safety

-  Teach kids not to hug dogs.
-  Teach kids not to come between an animal and its food or a mum and its babies.

Responsible pet ownership practices

-  Play with your pet and interact with it, brush it, and take it out for walks to socialize.
-  If your pet is showing signs of illness take it to a vet to see if it is okay or needs medical attention.

If a dog does bite someone, the owner must keep the dog tied up for 10 days to watch for signs of rabies.

