

THE COST OF PET OWNERSHIP

Pets are more than just companions, they are a part of our family. But in order to provide a happy and healthy life, there are certain costs to consider. Here are the basics and average costs of pet ownership.

Your kitten's first year*

Adoption fees**
\$150 

Pet insurance
\$440 

Licensing fee
\$15 

Veterinary care
flea protection, parasite prevention, exams & vaccines, deworming meds, fecal exams
\$816 

Microchip
\$81 

Bowls and food
\$592 

Essentials
Collar, leash, bed, toys, crate or carrier
\$235 


Spay or neuter
\$755 or \$622 

Unexpected Accident and Illness†
\$354 

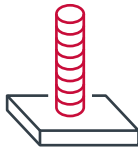
Litter box and litter
\$275 

TOTAL COST: \$3,713

As your cat gets older* (cost per year)

Veterinary care
Flea protection, parasite prevention, exams and vaccines, heartworm/lyme test, fecalexams, wellness profile/ blood work
\$534 

Licensing fee
\$15 

Essentials
Collar, leash, toys
\$65 


Pet insurance
\$440 

Food
\$576 

Litter
\$215 

Dental Cleaning
\$717 

Kennel Boarding
\$100-300 

Unexpected Accident and Illness†
\$813 

Grooming
\$50 

TOTAL COST: \$3,725

*All figures calculated as a national average from the OVMA 2022 Cost of Care research, conducted by province.

**<https://www.torontohumanesociety.com/adoption-and-rehoming/adopt/adoption-process>

†Based on internal claims data, 2021