

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 puppy's first year*

Adoption fees**
\$500



Pet insurance
\$889

Licensing fee
\$25



Veterinary care

flea protection, parasite prevention, exams & vaccines, deworming meds, fecal exams

\$869



Microchip

\$81



Bowls and food

\$1,057



Essentials

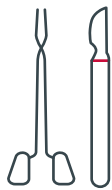
Collar, leash, bed, toys, crate or carrier



\$355

Spay or neuter

\$875 or \$799



Obedience class

\$500



Unexpected Accident and Illness†

\$638



TOTAL COST: \$5,789

As your dog gets older* (cost per year)

Veterinary care

Flea protection, parasite prevention, exams and vaccines, heartworm/lyme test, fecal exams, wellness profile/blood work

\$723



Licensing fee
\$25



Food

\$1200



Pet insurance
\$889

Essentials

Collar, leash, toys

\$125



Dental Cleaning

\$717



Kennel Boarding
\$100-300

Unexpected Accident and Illness†
\$987



Grooming
\$300



TOTAL COST: \$5,266

*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