

# COMPANION ANIMAL PLACEMENT PROGRAM

“Rescued” is our favorite breed

## APPROXIMATE ANNUAL PET CARE COSTS\*

### DOGS

<u>First Year</u>		<u>Each Succeeding Year</u>	
Food	\$300	Food	\$300
Vet exams (3)	105	Vet exam	35
Distemper/parvovirus inoc. (4)	60	Distemper/parvovirus inoculation	20
Rabies inoculation (one year)	18	Rabies inoculation (three year)	18
Fecal test and wormings (2-3)	50	Fecal test and worming	30
Spaying or neutering (average cost)	150	Not applicable	N/A
Heartworm combo test/preventative	100	Heartworm combo test/preventative	100
Licensing	12	Licensing	12
Accessories (leash/collar/toys/etc.)	100	Accessories (leash/collar/toys/etc.)	70
Other vet (emergencies, etc.)	<u>200</u>	Other vet care (emergencies, etc.)	<u>200</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,095</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$785</b>

### CATS

<u>First Year</u>		<u>Each Succeeding Year</u>	
Food	\$200	Food	\$200
Vet exams (2)	70	Vet exam	35
Distemper combo inoculations (2)	30	Distemper combo inoculation	15
Rabies inoculation (one year)	18	Rabies inoculation (three year)	18
Fecal test and wormings (2-3)	50	Fecal test and worming	30
Spaying or neutering (average cost)	100	Not applicable	N/A
Leukemia test and inoculation	50	Leukemia test and inoculation	50
Accessories (leash/collar/toys/etc.)	70	Accessories (leash/collar/toys/etc.)	40
Other vet care (emergencies, etc.)	<u>125</u>	Other vet care (emergencies, etc.)	<u>125</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$713</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$513</b>

\*Costs/treatment policies vary by veterinarian. Costs do not include other care; e.g., grooming, nail clipping.

The estimated 10 year average lifetime cost of a pet is almost \$8,200 for a dog and over \$5,300 for a cat.

Living with a pet can be a wonderful experience, but it requires a responsible owner who is willing to make a commitment to the pet for an average of ten years. Acquiring a pet should always be a family decision. Research ahead of time the types of pets and breed traits (including the multiple breed traits in mixed breeds) to insure that the pet will fit your lifestyle. It is extremely important to think about whether you are ready to expend the time, effort and money required for its care before you get a pet, not after it is in your home!

#### Some things to consider before getting a pet:

- Provision of food and shelter at all times
- Annual checkups, inoculations, tests
- Neutering/spaying
- Adequate attention and safe exercise
- Care while you vacation/travel
- Whether you can have a pet where you live and if there are size limits or other restrictions
- Initial and ongoing training
- Annual licensing of dogs
- Extraordinary/emergency medical costs
- Preventing your pet from roaming or becoming a nuisance to others
- Known allergies of family members
- Commitment for the pet's life (avg. 10 yrs.)

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