

The True Cost of Owning a Pet: A Pet Owner's Worksheet

EXPENSES	BUDGETED AMOUNT	ACTUAL AMOUNT	DIFFERENCE
<u>One-Time Expenses</u>			
The Actual Pet			
<i>Things to consider:</i>			
<i>Lots of dogs and cats need good homes. Contact your city's animal shelter or local rescue operation for more information. This option may let you get Fido or Fluffy for free!</i>			
<i>Breed and pedigree can affect the price. Do you want a full-blooded show dog or a four-legged friend of mixed breeding?</i>			
Veterinary Bills			
Spaying or neutering, de-clawing			
Housing and Miscellaneous			
Dog house/crate			
Bed			
Scratching post			
Leash, collar, tags			
Food/water bowls and litter box			
Obedience School/Agility Training			
<u>Recurring Expenses</u>			
Food			
Cat Litter and Liners			
Grooming and Shampoo			
<i>Things to consider:</i>			
<i>Frequency needed (outdoor or indoor pet, long-haired or short-haired dog), do it yourself or take to a groomer</i>			
Vet Bills – Shots, Medication, Annual Exams			
Pet Insurance Premiums			
Boarding, Pet Sitting and/or Doggie Day Care			
Bones, Catnip, Toys, Treats			
TOTAL: (add all categories together for total budget)			