

How Much Does It Cost to Care for a Small Dog Each Year?

Yearly Costs

Food: \$360

Treats: \$60

Toys: \$30

Routine veterinary exam: \$60

Vaccinations: \$30

Heartworm prevention: \$150

Worming: \$20

Flea/Tick prevention: \$150

Shampoo: \$15

Stain/odor removers: \$10

Dog bed(s): \$50

Boarding (7 days): \$120

TOTAL: \$1,055

Long-Term Medication or Supplement Costs

Dogs may require long-term medication totaling \$30/month, or \$360/year or more.

Additional First Year Costs

Adoption, including neuter, vaccines, heartworm Testing & microchipping: \$350

Training (if needed): \$200

Crate(s): \$60

Fencing (if needed): \$2,500

Food/water bowls: \$20

Collar and Leash: \$30

TOTAL: \$460-\$3,160

Emergency Costs

We recommend you save about \$2,000 for emergency accident or illness, plus you should consider getting an emergency credit card such as Care Credit. You should consider pet insurance to avoid paying high vet fees in case of injury or illness.



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These costs are estimates only and may not reflect individual experience.