

Dog Dollars and Sense



Name: _____

Date: _____

Dogs make great pets, but there is a cost, in both dollars and time. Use the amounts given by your teacher or found online to estimate the costs below. Note that not all items may be needed. Can you think of other costs that aren't listed?

PART 1: INITIAL COSTS

Cost of the dog—choose one:

Shelter adoption fee, or \$ _____

pet store or breeder price \$ _____

Medical and training costs

initial veterinary exam and vaccinations \$ _____

tattoo or microchip \$ _____

spaying (female dog) or neutering (male dog) fee \$ _____

obedience training \$ _____

Supplies

food and water dishes \$ _____

Leash, collar, harness \$ _____

brush and comb \$ _____

kennel \$ _____

dog bed \$ _____

toys \$ _____

insulated dog house \$ _____

other: _____ \$ _____

Total One-time Costs: \$ _____

PART 2: ANNUAL COSTS

Food

food \$ _____

treats \$ _____

Medical costs

annual veterinary exam and vaccinations \$ _____

pet health insurance, or savings for accidents or major illness \$ _____

Other costs

grooming \$ _____

annual licence fee \$ _____

boarding or pet sitting while on vacation \$ _____

replacement toys \$ _____

other: _____ \$ _____

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Total Annual Costs: \$ _____



When you're finished, list some things you need to do for your dog that cost time (not money).

