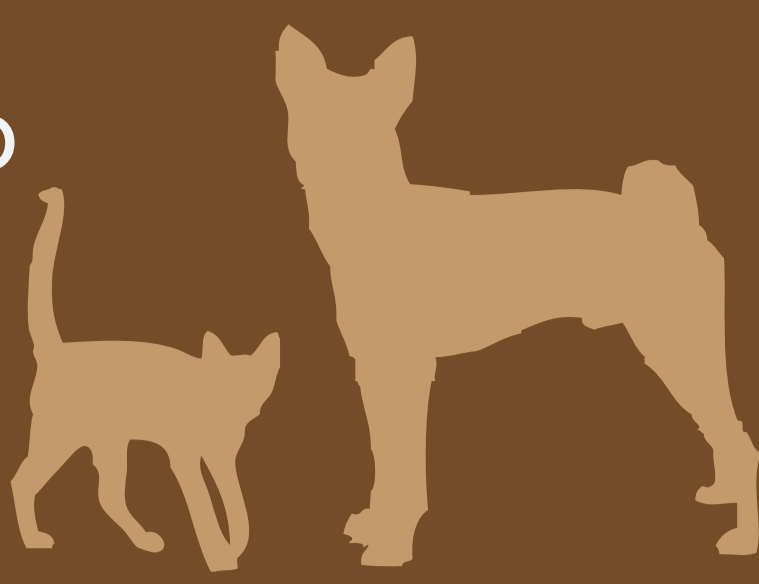
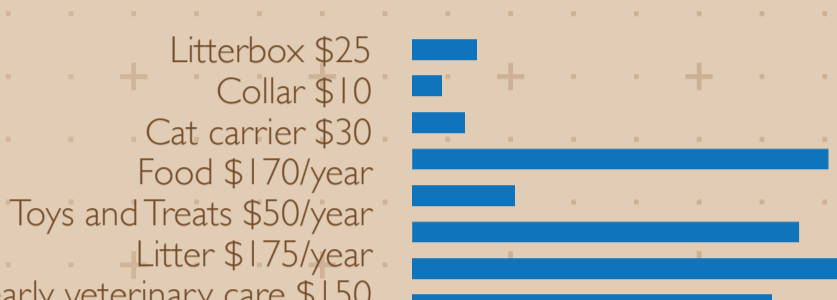
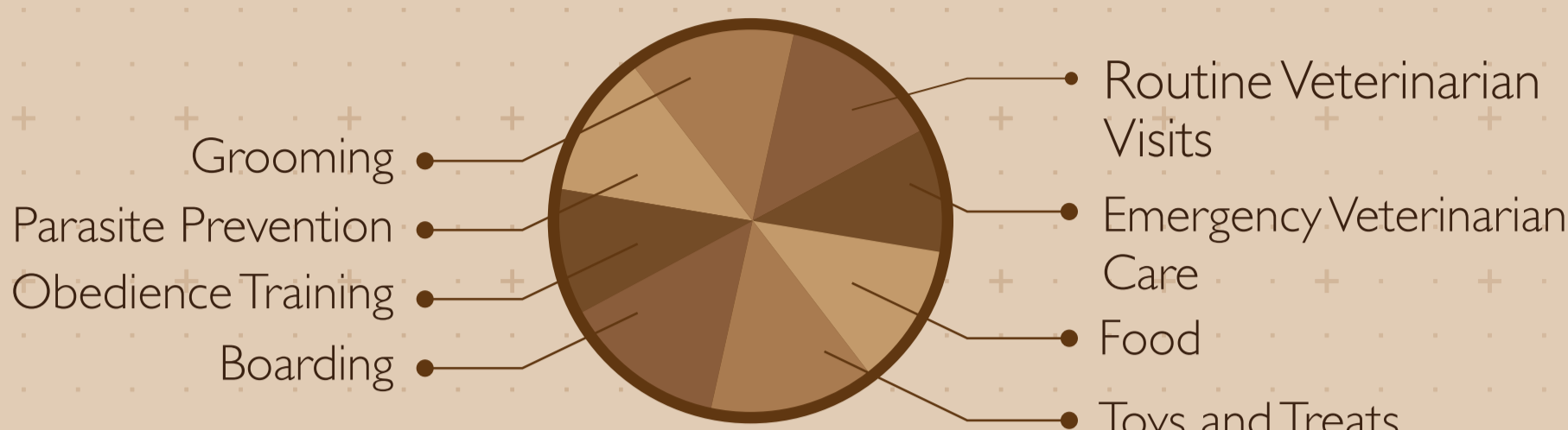


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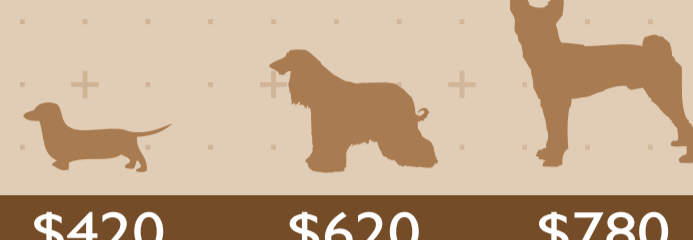


Finances

Typical Household Expenses That Pets May Require Monthly:



average initial expenses for a cat¹



annual cost of a dog including food, veterinary care, toys and license²

Vaccines

Consult With Your Veterinarian To Determine The Vaccines Appropriate For Your Dog Or Cat

DOG³

DISTEMPER
CANINE ADENOVIRUS-2
CANINE PARVOVIRUS-2
RABIES

Canine Parainfluenza & Bordetella Bronchiseptica (Kennel Cough)
Borrelia Burgdorferi (Lyme Disease)
Leptospirosis
Coronavirus



core & noncore vaccines

CAT⁴

FELINE PANLEUKOPENIA
FELINE CALICIVIRUS
FELINE RHINOTRACHEITIS
RABIES

Feline leukemia
Feline AIDS
Feline infectious peritonitis
Chlamydomphila felis
Bordetella bronchiseptica

According to The American Heartworm Society (AHS):⁵

- All adult dogs first starting on heartworm preventative should be tested
- All dogs should be tested annually for heartworm infection starting at 6 months
- Treatment of heartworm is estimated at 15 times the cost of a year's prevention
- Heartworm disease is found in all 50 states and lasts year-round
- There are four heartworm preventative medications available for cats.⁶

Protect Your Pet

Microchips Can Be Purchased to Protect Your Pet In Case Your Pet is Lost or Stolen⁷

OVER 10 MILLION

dogs and cats are lost or stolen in the U.S. annually

22%

dogs

return rate without a microchip

2%

cats

dogs and cats that entered an animal shelter

52%

dogs

return rate with a microchip

38%

cats



1 IN 3 PETS become lost at some time in their life

Pet Diet and Exercise

DIET⁸

A balanced diet affects your pets:



Animals require nutrients to maintain and repair body tissues and meet energy needs. The amount of food needed depends on:

- Age of animal
- Activity level
- Breed of dog
- Health
- Size

EXERCISE⁹

Benefits:

- Improves muscle tone, strength, and agility
- Aids in keeping joints supple
- Reduces digestive problems and constipation
- Helps with relaxation and sleep at bedtime
- Helps prevent weight gain
- Engages the mind
- Helps build confidence and trust
- Reduces or eliminates problem behaviors such as chewing and digging

Behaviors from lack of exercise:

- Destructive behaviors such as chewing, digging, scratching
- Hyperactivity, night-time activity
- Predatory or rough play
- Barking and whining



Generally speaking, most dogs need 30 to 60 minutes of exercise a day.¹⁰

Senior Pet Care

Senior Pet Examination And Screenings May Include:¹¹

EXAMINATION

- Physical condition: weight, conformation
- Evaluation of skin, coat, nail bed, detection of lumps and bumps

- Lymph nodes
- Thyroid nodule (cats)
- Abdominal palpation, size and shape of kidneys, liver
- Vital signs
- Cardiopulmonary evaluation
- Central nervous system evaluation
- Orthopedic examination
- Rectal palpation
- Hydration
- Joint examination for arthritis and hip dysplasia

SCREENING

- Diabetes mellitus
- Kidney disease
- Hormonal diseases
- Oral health

If you are looking for advice, talk to your veterinarian!

They are wonderful sources for advice about animal health, temperament and behavioral issues.

1 www.aspca.org/pet-care/cat-care/general-cat-care
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8 www.aspca.org/pet-care/cat-care/feeding-your-adult-dog
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10 Eldredge, Debra M., Carlson, Lisa D., Carlson, Delbert G., and James M. Giffin. Dog Owner's Home Veterinary Handbook 4th ed. Indiana: Wiley Publishing Inc., 2007.
11 www.aaha.org/professional/resources/senior_care.aspx