

Pet Care Costs Fact Sheet

Front Street Dog Shelter
110 Cutler Pond Road
Binghamton , NY 13905

Responsible pet ownership will give both you and your pet many years of companionship and enjoyment. **BEFORE** acquiring a dog it is important to be aware of your responsibilities. These include:

- 1) Vaccinating and allowing for emergency medical expenses
- 2) Spay or Neuter to prevent unwanted litters
- 3) Licensing
- 4) Providing necessary exercise
- 5) Providing appropriate food and shelter
- 6) Training
- 7) Regular grooming

Approximate Pet Care Costs

| | <u>First Year</u> | <u>Each Year After</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Distemper Combination | \$ 90.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| Rabies | \$ 12.00 | \$ 12.00 |
| Fecal Exams | \$ 20.00 | \$ 15.00 |
| Spay/Neuter Surgery | \$220.00 | N/A |
| Bordetella (Kennel Cough) | \$ 15.00 | \$ 15.00 |
| Heartworm Test | \$ 20.00 | \$ 20.00 |
| Flea & Heartworm Prevention | \$ 70.00 | \$ 70.00 |
| Licensing | \$ 5.00-25.00 | \$ 5.00-20.00 |
| Training | \$ 95.00 | \$ 95.00 |
| Food | \$450.00-500.00 | \$ 450.00-500.00 |
| Dishes | \$ 5.00-20.00 | N/A |
| Collar/Leash | \$ 10.00-20.00 | N/A |
| Brush | \$ 10.00 | N/A |
| Toys/Chewies | \$ 10.00-20.00 | \$10.00-20.00 |
| Bed/Blanket | <u>\$ 15.00-75.00</u> | <u>N/A</u> |
| Totals | \$1047.00-1207.50 | \$717.00-769.50 |

The average lifespan of the pet you are thinking of adopting is **12 years** and involves both time and expense. What you are considering should be treated as a lifelong commitment to a creature that will depend on you for all of its needs.

BEFORE you adopt is the time to consider if you are able to fulfill your responsibilities as a pet owner.