



Total Cost Breakdown

*For an average sized dog about 30 pounds full grown

- Food- \$53 for 30 # bags
- Vaccines-1st set-\$55
2nd set- \$30 3rd set-\$40 4th set- \$40
- Spay/Neuter- \$80 to \$160
- Toys-\$3-\$10 per toy
- Accessories \$5 leash, \$5 collar, \$20 harness, \$15 gentle leader, etc.
- Dewormer- \$11
- Flea/Tick/Heartworm-\$35 to \$150 for 6 month supply
- Dental Hygiene- \$120 to \$150 every 6 months unless consistent brushing
- Boarding- \$20 to \$50 per day
- Fecal Test- \$11

*Costs added in older dogs

- Supplements-\$41 to \$65
- Tumor Removal- \$120-\$300
- Senior Food- \$55 per 30 # bag

How Dogs Help Humans

- Increase longevity of life
- Decrease stress and tension
- Lower blood pressure and cholesterol
- Reduces heart disease and chances of heart attacks
- Reduces anxiety and depression
- Increase social interactions

Helpful Websites

<http://www.akc.org/news/the-most-popular-dog-breeds-in-america/>

<https://www.purinaone.com/dogs/products/smartblend-chicken-and-rice-formula-dog-food/where-to-buy>

<http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/getting-a-dog-or-puppy/general-advice-about-caring-for-your-new-puppy-or-dog/puppy-and-dog-walking/>

<http://petvax.com/available-services/puppies-vaccination-schedules-costs.html>

<http://www.dvm360.com/>

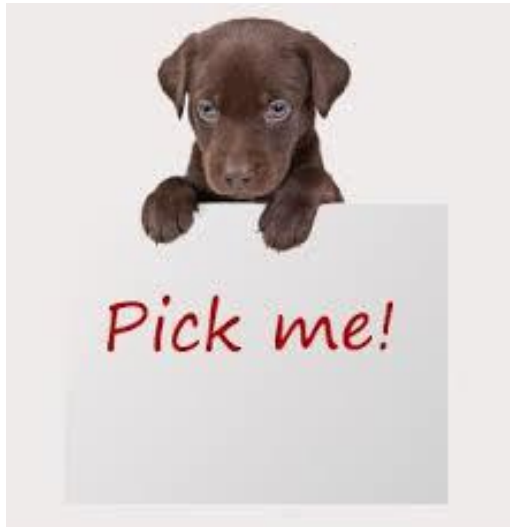
<http://www.hillspet.com/en/us/science-diet>

<https://www2.smartbrief.com/getLast.action?mode=sample&b=AVMA>



PUPPIES: RESPONSIBILITY AND COST

Guide to raising a healthy and happy puppy.



Picking the Right Puppy for You

Always research the breed of dog before purchasing or adopting. This helps to prevent mismatching. Every person wants a canine companion that is suited for them. Choosing the correct breed is the first step.

You can make this selection by considering various factors. These factors are grooming, activity level, size, trainability, personality, and amount of exercise needed.

Start by making a list of what you want in a puppy and look for a breed that fits this description. Using websites (on back) you can compare the different traits between breeds. Another way to narrow the search is to interact with your favorite breeds to see how well you interact with one another.

Time Required for Puppies

- **Training-** 15 minutes everyday
- **Grooming-** depends on the breed. Research before to find out how much exactly
- **Play Time-** Every time they wake up and ask to play (2 hours total usually)
- **Exercise Time-** 5 minutes for every month of age 2 times daily (After 2 years they should be exercised 30 to 45 minutes twice daily)
- **Feeding Times-**small dogs 3 times daily and large/medium dogs 2 times a day
- **Bathroom Breaks-** every hour or 30 minutes after meals until potty trained



Best Dog Food Brand

Recommendations by veterinarians

1. Science Diet
2. Purina ONE
3. Royal Canin
4. Eukanuba/Iams
 - Feed small breed puppies small bite puppy food for one year then switch to adult food
 - Feed large breed puppies large breed puppy food for 2 years then switch to adult food
 - Feeding puppy food for the correct amount of time helps the puppy develop correctly leading to a healthier dog in its senior years.
 - The brands listed above have been tested and are known for giving a balanced nutrition