

2023 Rescue Animal Expenses and Miscellaneous

EXPENSES	<u>Dogs</u>	<u>Cats</u>
Food	\$40	\$30
Medical	\$370	\$300
Stimulation	\$30	\$20
Training	\$400	\$100
Bedding	\$30	\$30
Kennels	\$150	\$30
TOTAL	\$470 - \$1,020	\$380 - \$510
Adoption Fee	\$250 - \$350	\$75 - \$100

How are these calculated?

These are the monthly costs to upkeep and care for our rescues. These numbers represent 1 animal per month. However, not all numbers may apply. For example, not every dog undergoes training. These numbers are rounded up to the nearest amount and we dissect it in different sections to help us understand how we get those numbers.

Food:

While a large bag of dog food can last between 2-3 months depending on the dog, we break down the cost as if we are getting food every other month and split it into a monthly cost. Ideally, food costs us the price listed per month. This includes dry food, treats and wet food as it's important to include wet food into many of our animals' diets. This goes for cats as well. These prices can be more or less depending on a lot of different factors like brand and size.

Medical:

Where we get hit the hardest and most frequently is covering the medical bills of our rescues. Medical covers spay/neuter, microchipping, testing, heartworm/flea, and vaccines. It does not cover emergency procedures. These costs are what it looks like when we go to a veterinarian rather than doing a lot on our own. Here's a breakdown of costs per need. These are estimates as it varies on clinic and does not include frequency as some animals may require boosters, especially young puppies/kittens.

Dogs/Puppies	Cats/Kittens
DHPP/DAPP : \$65 Bordetella : \$35 Spay/Neuter : \$150 Microchip : \$15 Heartworm/Flea: \$40 Testing : \$40 Rabies : \$25	FVRCP : \$65 Rabies : \$25 Spay/Neuter : \$100 Microchip : \$15 Heartworm/Flea : \$40 Testing : \$50

At the end of the day, it's not about the money as their health is very important. But, the more frequently we pay these prices out of pocket, the harder it becomes to continue to pull animals.

What does "testing" cover?

Testing costs cover FIV/FelV, Heartworm, fecal, blood and general examinations.

What are some circumstantial considerations?

There's two things to consider when we have animals coming to us.

1. Were they vaccinated prior to transfer?
 - a. When pulling from shelters, the animals are often (not always) vaccinated and snipped.
2. Do we have the supplies to self-vaccinate?
 - a. When available, we do our own core vaccines (excluding rabies), some testing and heartworm/flea.
 Our Prices:
 DH/APP : \$10
 FVRCP : \$7
 Bordetella : \$6
 Dewormer : \$5
 Shipping : \$30 per shipment
 - b. Doing our own vaccines cut the costs back about \$100.

Stimulation:

It's important to keep our animals engaged and stimulated to reduce poor behavior choices due to boredom. Stimulation can be in the form of toys, puzzles, music, planned trips and television. Every animal gets at least one toy of their choice. (Yes, we let them choose!) Working breeds get one puzzle like snuffle mats. This does not mean every animal has strictly one thing, but more so that we ensure they are always equipped with one toy minimally.

Training:

Not every animal that comes to us goes through training. However, we try to prepare our animals for success and work towards curbing any sort of negative behavior that could hinder their success in finding a home. Our Executive Director and Certified Dog Trainer combined work on potty training, leash training, crate training, manners, basic commands, socialization and other things that may be beneficial per case. MINIMALLY, training costs about \$400 per dog, a month. Cats also qualify for training but are less likely to participate depending on needs. This could be litter box training, or manners typically.

Bedding:

An expense that is less common thanks to donations. Sometimes we may have to purchase beds, blankets, towels and other items specifically designed for their comfort.

Kennels:

Since we are foster-based, it is our responsibility to ensure our fosters have a safe location to place their temporary pets while they are away or need a moment. Kennels can vary greatly when it comes to price. We have had a case where we had to buy an anti-anxiety crate which cost us \$1,200 (and, yes. We will go those lengths to protect our animals and fosters.)

Where does the money come from?

When there are not enough supply donations to cover a majority of the needs of our animals, we do accept cash donations. These come from general donations, events, fundraisers and adoption fees. When there are not enough funds, we will usually hold fundraisers. In the event that is still not enough, everything comes out of pocket from the President/Director to ensure everyone is taken care of volunteers and animals alike.

Does the money go anywhere else other than the animals?

Rarely, but, yes. Your donations may also go towards events, fundraisers, or important projects. However, if it's not for the rescue, it will never be withdrawn for other purposes. Events and fundraisers will also list what that donation is being used for. If you have questions about the usage of your donations, you can always contact us!

Are there miscellaneous expenses?

Yes. At this time there is our website yearly expense which is \$325, which is covered by the President/Executive.