

GETTING A NEW PET?

DO YOUR HOMEWORK!



Before you do, consider the following:

- Don't buy or adopt a pet just because it's cute.
- Check with your landlord if you are allowed to have a pet.
- Check local laws to see how many pets you are allowed.
- Ensure you have adequate space and fencing for the animal.
- Check out different breeds, and find the right pet to suit your lifestyle.
- Are you totally committed to caring for your new pet? Remember pets are for life!
- Do you have enough time to properly feed, exercise, care and clean up after your pet?
- Will your new pet get along with your existing pets?
- Check your finances, and make sure you are able to afford on going costs.

COSTS FOR AN AVERAGE DOG (FOR THE FIRST YEAR)*	
Food	\$1,000
Desexing	\$500
Microchipping	\$70
Collar, lead and ID tag	\$25
Registration	from \$20
Immunisation	\$70
Tick prevention	\$50
Other health expenses	\$250
Water bowl and feed bowl	\$20
Dog bed and toys	\$50
Grooming aids and dog shampoo	\$50
Heartworm, flea, general worm prevention	\$180
Total excluding purchase price, medical emergencies and extras	\$2,285 (\$44 p/wk)
BASIC COSTS FOR SUBSEQUENT YEARS	
Total excluding medical emergencies and insurance	\$1,683 (\$32 p/wk)

*Costs are approximates only and exclude pet purchase price



*Source: City of Ipswich