

PETS**PET CARE COST SAVINGS CHECKLIST**

- Shop around and use discount coupons for pet supplies
 - Don't overfeed (ask your veterinarian for the appropriate feeding quantity)
 - Purchase food for its health benefits not just for cost; a healthy pet will require less visits to the veterinarian
 - Learn how to take care of basic pet needs (grooming) yourself (brushing, cleaning, trimming)
 - Swap pet sitting duties (vacations, business trips, etc.) with other pet owners and avoid a costly kennel or sitter
 - Check vaccination guidelines and recommendations from reliable sources so you don't over-vaccinate your pet
 - Shop for medications on line and at your neighborhood drug stores
- Tip: Find a veterinarian who is willing to write prescriptions for you to fill at a location of your choice*
- Pet insurance may offer you peace of mind if it's easier to make small monthly payments rather than a large medical bill
 - Shop around for a veterinarian for both quality and affordability
 - Think twice before spending money on discretionary items for your pet; spending time with your pet may bring more joy than a box full of toys that are never used
 - Purchase toys and other items at garage sales or second hand stores
 - In an emergency use your veterinarian during business hours instead of an emergency clinic
 - Save for emergency care or end-of-life costs
 - Find reliable neighborhood kids that love your pet to watch, walk or feed them in your absence (less costly then a temporary shelter and much more love)

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