

TABLE OF EXPENSES FOR NEW ZEALAND CHIHUAHUA RESCUE

What do we use the funds that are donated to us for? What do your adoption fees go towards? Please see this table for a rough guide for the common expenses our rescue encounters. The expenses have been divided into three steps. The first step is getting the dog into our care, this may be flights from another part of the country or petrol costs associated. Step two is the medical assessment of the dog and the likely costs we incur. The last step is the expenses we incur in relation to making sure the dog is fit and healthy to adopt and compliant with local animal control laws. Of course, these expenses will be dependent on the individual circumstances of the dog and location of the veterinary provider, for this reason we have added examples from recent invoices paid by the Trust. Step four contains expenses relating to foster care.

ITEM:	OPTION 1:	OPTION 2:	APPROX. TOTALS:
<p>STEP ONE – GETTING THE DOG INTO OUR CARE – TRANSPORT COSTS:</p> <p>If the dog is located outside of the area of the chosen foster carer they will need to be transported by plane or car to a new location.</p> <p>WHY DO WE TRANSPORT DOGS TO CANTERBURY? Firstly, it is a simple fact that NZCR is based in Canterbury and there is no reason why we shouldn't accept dogs from all over New Zealand and assist them to be successfully adopted.</p> <p>We often transport dogs to Canterbury as vet costs are much cheaper here. We have a nominated vet clinic that sponsor us and we can save around \$500-\$1000 per case if we fly dogs to our own vet. Initially, we did trial several North Island vets without success.</p> <p>In addition to this, our Trustees and experienced foster team are based in Canterbury. It is much easier to assess and ensure that each dog gets all the medical and behavioural treatments required when the dog is present and with us.</p> <p>We offer assistance for those who want the very best for their Chihuahuas and Chihuahua-crosses. See “Why should I trust NZCR to rehome my dog” for our reasoning.</p>	<p>Flights Flights \$300.00 When we transport dogs in between islands for foster care. Includes free crate hire, cost of flying empty crate to destination, cost of flying animal and crate to Trust</p> <p>AND EITHER...</p> <p>Crate Hire - Move My Pet Company Assistance: FREE crate hire. Move My Pet offer us the use of their crates free of charge. However, we must pay the \$40.00 flight fee for the empty crate from Christchurch to the dog's location.</p> <p>OR crate Purchase costs: \$100.00 - For a small airplane approved crate from local pet stores</p>	<p>By Bus or Car Pet Bus (not desired as it takes much longer and can be therefore more stressful) \$185.00 - \$250.00</p> <p>OR Petrol is assessed on a case-by-case basis once a receipt is received.</p>	<p>\$185.00 - \$340.00</p> <p>To transfer a dog from the Surrenderer into the trust's care.</p> <p>We have received dogs from: Christchurch, Rangiora, Woodend, Oxford, Timaru, Dunedin, Invercargill, Bluff, Hawera, Wellington, Auckland, Opotiki, Rotorua, New Plymouth, Palmerston North and various other cities in New Zealand.</p>

<p>STEP 2 – ASSESSING THE DOG:</p> <p>Vet Consult When dogs first come into care with NZCR we book them their first consult in order to determine if there are any medical issues we need to address, book in de-sexing or vaccinate them.</p>	<p>\$50 - \$80</p> <p>Dependant on vet clinic and length of consult.</p>	N/A	<p>\$50 - \$80</p> <p>Dependant on which clinic has availability at the time the dog arrives.</p>
<p>Blood-Test Panels and Pre-Operation Blood Panels:</p> <p>When dogs come into the care of the trust we do all we can to ensure they are healthy. A blood work up prior to surgery is always utilised and we complete detailed profiles on older dogs to ensure they are fit and healthy.</p>	N/A	N/A	<p>\$150 - \$300</p> <p>Cannot accurately determine depends on age of the dog and particular panel suggested by the Vet.</p>
<p>STEP 3 – MAKING SURE THE DOG IS FIT FOR ADOPTION:</p> <p>De-sexing</p> <p>Many factors increase the price of de-sexing.</p> <p>Older dogs will be more expensive due to the complexity of the surgery. Each case is different, we have supplied a recent example.</p>	<p>Males</p> <p>Neutering younger dogs will be cheaper than older dogs.</p> <p><i>(Example: a recent 2 year male in the care of the trust was \$364.00)</i></p>	<p>Females</p> <p>A spay for a younger female be cheaper than older females, particularly if they have had puppies prior.</p> <p><i>(Example: a recent 2 year old female in the care of the trust was \$281)</i></p>	<p>\$250 - \$370</p> <p>These are not retail prices. We are very fortunate to receive a discount for our veterinary care! Some of our Vet carers actually do not charge for their time, only the medications used and other staff required (ie. vet nurses). Without their support, our vet bills would be much higher!</p>
<p>Dental</p> <p>Many of the dogs that come into care have had their dental care neglected and require extensive extractions.</p>	<p>Prices vary depending on the amount of work required.</p> <p><i>(Example: a recent 9 year old female, 15 teeth removed, special discount from sponsor - \$329 in Christchurch)</i></p>	N/A	<p>\$300 - \$1,000+</p> <p>Cannot accurately determine, dependant on the extend of dental work required.</p>

	<i>(Example: a recent 10 year old male, 11 teeth rotten and to be removed - \$1,068 in Auckland)</i>		
<p>Patella Surgery</p> <p>Many Chihuahuas are known to suffer from the “patella luxation” condition. This may be due to improper breeding practises and/or genetics, or trauma sustained by the dog.</p> <p>Regardless, we are finding that many dogs are being surrendered into our care with varying grades of the injury (Grade 4 being the worst) in one or both hind legs. We are concerned that this will now become a regular and stressful expense for our rescue.</p>	<p>\$1,500 - \$4,000 per leg</p> <p>Patella luxation correction by hollowing out of the groove in the knee only. The cost will largely depend on the severity of the case and as such, the pricing differs significantly.</p> <p>We have been quoted anywhere between \$1,500 to \$3,000, or \$4,000, with various vet clinics in Canterbury to complete the surgery on one knee.</p>	<p>\$5,000 per leg</p> <p>Advanced option - For a patella luxation correction by hollowing out the groove in the knee and moving the tendon.</p> <p><i>(Example: 1 year old Chihuahua with patella luxation in right hind leg, completed in Christchurch with a specialist vet, price is for one leg only, not both.)</i></p>	<p>\$1,500 - \$5,000.00 per leg</p> <p>This excludes x-rays, follow up appointments and pain relief and physio therapy.</p> <p>** We are hoping to pair with a local veterinary clinic who may be able to offer us a discount on the patella surgeries.</p>
<p>Vaccinations</p> <p>We vaccinate dogs for all issues relevant to their area (ie. North Island dogs require some different vaccinations to dogs in the South Island)</p>	<p>Approx. \$200.00 for the first round of injections</p> <p><i>(Example: a recent 9 year old female - \$206.00 for “first” vaccinations”)</i></p>	<p>Top up injections \$50.00 - \$70.00</p>	<p>\$200 - \$250.00</p> <p>Cannot accurately determine.</p>
<p>Micro-chipping and Registration with the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (“NZCAR”)</p> <p>Each dog taken in by the Trust is microchipped and registered on the NZCAR to ensure that if it is ever lost, the Council has a record of the microchip but the NZCAR database also has a record.</p>	<p>\$30.00 - \$70.00</p> <p>Microchip implanting Fee alone (must be completed by the Vet)</p> <p><i>(Example: microchip only for a dog in Canterbury, \$35.00)</i></p>	<p>\$5.00 registering on the database (By NZCR to save costs)</p> <p><i>(Example: microchip and registration with NZCAR for a dog in Auckland, \$70.00)</i></p>	<p>\$30.00 - \$70.00</p> <p>Dependant on vet clinic and location.</p>

<p>Council Registration</p>	<p>Flat rate – Responsible Dog Ownership status</p> <p>\$41.00 per dog for the duration of the year.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>\$41.00</p> <p>To register each dog with the Christchurch City Council.</p>
<p>Flea – Frontline is our preferred brand.</p>	<p>3 x treatments - \$65.00</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>\$21.66 per individual treatment</p>
<p>Worming – Endoguard is our preferred brand.</p>	<p>4 x tablets - \$30.00 (up to 5kg dog, dosage dependant on weight of the dog)</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>\$7.50 per tablet to treat a dog up to 5kg</p>
<p>STEP 4 – FOSTER EXPENSES:</p> <p>Miscellaneous and Extra Disposables as Required</p> <p>Depending on the circumstances of the foster carer and whether they require items, we purchase and provide: bedding, beds, crates, bowls, specialist foods or medications, harnesses, leads and collars, toys etc. We have an “asset register” so that many of these items (such as harnesses and leads), once the dog has been adopted are returned to storage and re-used where possible. However, each dog leaves the Rescue with their bed and bedding to hopefully provide a sense of familiarity, so these are constantly replaced.</p>	<p>Prices can vary, we spend anywhere from \$150 - \$500 to have a dog “set up” with all they require at their foster carer’s home.</p> <p>Some dogs may require specialist products and foods which will increase the budget.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>\$150 - \$500.00</p> <p>Cannot be accurately determined. This is on a case-by-case basis. Depending on what items we have available in storage already and whether any specialist products/foods need to be purchased.</p>

* Prices may increase or decrease depending on the particular circumstances of the dog