

Have you considered the potential ongoing costs associated with adopting a new dog?

- **Vaccinations (annually)** – Example: \$70.00 - \$100.00 per appointment (*approx. estimate only*)
- **Council Registration (annually)** – An example for the Christchurch City Council district is \$82.00 if paid on/before 31 Aug 2020; \$114.00 if paid on/after 1 Sept 2020 (without RDO status). *Fee depends on RDO (responsible dog owner) status, whether dog is desexed, whether you have any other dogs and what city and district you are in.*
- **Vet visits and consults** (at least one annual check-up recommended) – Between \$45.00 - \$85.00 approx. dependant on the clinic.
- **Dentals** (often 1-2 years for smaller breeds) – Between \$500.00 - \$1000.00 approx. depending on the clinic, amount of cleaning and extractions required.
- **Flea treatments** – Example: ONE x Bravecto spot on treatment is \$91.99 for 12 weeks; ONE x Advocate treatment is \$21.99 for 1 month. * *Taken from a popular pet website in Oct 2020.*
- **Worming Treatments** – Example: ONE x Drontel treatment \$10.99 for 6 weeks * *Taken from a popular pet website in Oct 2020.*
- **Doggy disposables** (Treats and chew toys, leads, harnesses, toys, dog shampoo, bed and bedding, crate) Between \$100 - \$500.00+ depending on what you purchase and the quality! Some will be one-off purchases if you are lucky, the others may be more frequent.
- **Quality dog food** – Example: Orijen Original \$49.99 for 2kgs, \$169.99 for 11.4kgs. *AVOID low quality, or supermarket foods and always check ingredients.* * *Taken from a popular pet website in Oct 2020.*
- **Vet bills – Unexpected accidents and Injuries** - *Then there's the accidents and injuries that can lead to unexpected and exceptionally large vet bills! If you don't have pet insurance or the injury or illness isn't covered by your insurance, you could expect to spend THOUSANDS of dollars at once – consult fees, blood work, x-rays, ultrasounds and other scans such as MRI, operative costs of a veterinarian surgeon, anaesthetic and theatre costs, pain relief and medical treatments. Between \$2,000 - \$5,000.00 + !!*
- **Possibly pet insurance?** Example: \$45.00 approximately, per month.
- **Possibly dog training or dog classes?** \$150.00 approximately, per session.

If you're considering a puppy not adopting from a Rescue, add to that:

- De-sexing costs;
- Microchip and NZCAR registration;
- Puppy playschool and dog training;
- Dental for retained baby teeth (common in small breeds!).

If you can't commit to the above and potentially the cost of any accidents or injuries that may pop up, please re-think your decision to adopt a dog – they are a commitment for life!