

## The best ways to save Money on caring for your cats/dogs:

**Invest in a good food.** Most people think buying a grocery store brand for pennies a pound is a great way to save money. In reality, foods from grocery stores or Wal-Mart and even foods like Pro-plan, Science Diet, and Iams are full of corn, wheat, meat by-products (parts not fit for human consumption), and preservatives. Feeding one of these foods is almost a guarantee of allergies, liver disease, or cancer. Spending a bit more to buy super premium food can save you hundreds in the long run. A cat/dog that eats quality food that is naturally preserved is less susceptible to developing diseases and has a healthier immune system, which helps them fight contagious illnesses. Spending a little more on food can mean saving hundreds or thousands on vet bills.

**Over-vaccination** actually breaks down a pet's immune system making them more likely to become ill. **Research** your pet's health care and make informed decisions for your pet. For years, the American Veterinary Medical Association has acknowledged that most cats/dogs do **not** need boosters of their vaccinations annually. The majority of vets have ignored these guidelines, since their income is primarily based on the large markup on vaccines. Research pet vaccinations and your cat or dog. Knowing about quality nutrition and over-vaccinating can not only give you the power to save money but improve the quality of your pet's life!

**Consider Blood Titer Tests in place of regular vaccinating.**

**Discontinue use of Chemical Flea Treatments.** Advantage, Frontline, Hartz, etc. are not only expensive but they have been linked to cancer and seizures. A high-quality diet will keep your pet healthy and naturally repel pests.

**Use natural flea treatments** that we have in stock such as Wondercide, Zero Bug Zone Tags, Earth Animal, Ark Naturals Flea Flicker Tick Kicker, DeFlea shampoo & spray, feed garlic supplements daily to boost immune system, apple cider vinegar in their drinking water, and apple cider vinegar as a rinse after a bath. Dawn dish washing liquid has also been recommended.

**Treat your lawn with non-toxic Food Grade Diatomaceous Earth (DE)** - a calcium dust ground from single-cell, ocean organisms to your lawns, walk-ways, and planting beds (anywhere your pets frequent). This application works as an abrasive and desiccant, physically drying out and destroying the adult fleas' breathing organs as well as drying out and killing flea larvae. This process is inexpensive, and the fleas cannot develop resistance to DE. Use a mask whenever handling DE; the dust can irritate the lungs. We stock food grade diatomaceous earth and also Wondercide and Natural Chemistry lawn products to naturally repel pests.

For indoor, infestations, mix together 1 1/2 pounds of diatomaceous earth, 1 1/2 pounds of natural borax and 1 cup of salt and sprinkle it around on carpets, floors, etc. Let set overnight and vacuum.

*Check our website, [www.paptoo.com](http://www.paptoo.com), for more natural solutions to fleas.*