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# Annual Cat Care Costs

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Adopting a cat requires a financial commitment to her health and well-being. This chart will give you a rough idea of how big a commitment you should plan on. (These costs are estimates-some may be higher or lower depending on where you live and the cat you adopt.)

| Expense                     | First Year | Each Year Thereafter |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Adoption Donation           | \$0–200    | N/A                  |
| Routine veterinary exam     | \$50–400   | \$50–400             |
| Vaccinations                | \$60–150   | \$60–150             |
| Spaying/neutering           | \$0–200    | N/A                  |
| Professional teeth cleaning | \$0–500    | \$0–500              |
| Emergency veterinary care** | \$0–2,000+ | \$0–2,000+           |
| Medication(s)               | \$0 – 500  | \$0 – 500            |
| Collar(s)                   | \$5–30     | \$0–30               |
| Cat Carrier(s)              | \$20–75    | \$0–75               |
| Scratching post/board       | \$10 -50   | \$10-50              |
| Cat bed(s)                  | \$20–100   | \$0–100              |
| Toys                        | \$10–50    | \$10–50              |
| Food                        | \$120–500  | \$120–500            |
| Food/water bowls            | \$10–30    | \$0–30               |
| Treats                      | \$10–100   | \$10–100             |



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