

Example Procedure Costs

Dental

Grade 2 - heavy scale and polish	£198.05
Pre-anaesthetic bloods	£50.00
Fluid therapy	£85.00
Sedative	£6.49
Pain relief injection	£13.33
Total	£352.87

Painful Cat (suspected RTA) - 2 day inpatient

Initial consultation	£44.00
Hospital & nursing care	£147.20
Fluid therapy	£95.75
Internal blood sample	£48.10
External blood screen - biochemistry/haematology	£75.00
Inpatient exam - medical progress (day 1)	£19.50
Medication, injections & consumables for in-patient care	£119.73
Oral medications	£22.67
Inpatient exam - medical progress (day 2)	£58.50
Fluid therapy - anaesthetic	£47.50
Pre anaesthetic evaluation	£12.75
Anaesthetic	£96.35
X-ray setup and initial views	£122.50
X-ray additional views (if required)	£135.00
Sedative & other injections	£10.62
Total	£1055.17

Figures calculated in August 2019 from Rowan Veterinary Centre Ltd

Other information and figures contained within this leaflet were calculated in 2017 using rates available for products online and have been used in the 2017 and 2018 PDSA Animal Wellbeing (PAW) Reports and are widely referenced.

Consulting Times

Hillock Lane Surgery

Monday to Friday
8.30am to 7pm

Saturday
8.30am to 1pm



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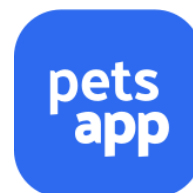
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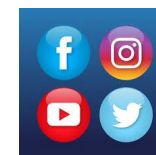
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The Five Welfare Needs

Getting a cat is a big decision and there are lots of things to consider. When you get a cat, you have a legal obligation to meet their five welfare needs, keeping them happy and healthy throughout their life. It's easy to overlook certain costs in the excitement of getting a new pet so it's important to know about them before making a decision.

- **Health** - protection from pain, injury, suffering and disease and receive treatment if they become ill or injured.
- **Behaviour** - the ability to behave naturally for their species e.g. Play, run, dig, jump, fly etc.
- **Companionship** - to be housed with, or apart from, other animals as appropriate for the species i.e. company of their own kind for sociable species like rabbits or guinea pigs, or to be housed alone for solitary species like hamsters.
- **Diet** - a suitable diet. This can include feeding appropriately for the pet's life stage and feeding a suitable amount to prevent obesity or malnourishment, as well as access to fresh clean water.



- **Environment** - a suitable environment. This should include the right type of home with a comfortable place to rest and hide as well as space to exercise and explore.

So, what does it cost?

Cats are lovable animals but they do require a lot of care. It will cost most owners **at least £12,000** to care for their cat over their whole lifetime so you need to be prepared for that financial commitment.

Although this is an estimated minimum cost, it doesn't take into account any further costs outside of the basics, to meet their welfare needs. If you decide to spend a little more on your cat's care or they live longer than the average they could cost more, even as high as **£24,000**.



Pedigree breeds may also have additional needs as they can be prone to certain health problems which will also add to

your costs.

Pet insurance costs are included in this estimate but if your cat becomes unwell or has an accident and needs veterinary care that isn't covered by your insurance, you could see costs rise drastically. Of course, owners generally feel that their pet is worth every penny but it is important that owners can afford these costs before they make the commitment to ownership. It is also why we recommend all owners take out pet insurance.

These are only estimated costs so it's important that you sit down and work out a budget for them, considering your lifestyle and all the things your new cat may need.

How did you work out the costs?

The costs are calculated and based on the pet's five welfare needs in mind. There are lots of things you'll need to think about before your cat even comes home to make sure they are happy and healthy in your home. This could include:

- Bed
- Food and water bowl
- Microchip
- Initial course of vaccinations
- Neutering
- Scratching post/cat tower
- Two litter trays and scoops



- Toys
- Brush or comb for grooming
- Cat carrier

We estimate that the initial costs are around £250. This doesn't include the cost of buying your cat.

Monthly, on-going costs of looking after your cat will include:

- Regular health checks and annual booster vaccination
- Flea and worming treatments
- Pet insurance
- Complete cat food
- Toys
- Cat litter



We estimate the minimum monthly cost of owning your cat, based on the above list, is around £70.

All of these estimated costs are based on your cat's 5 welfare needs and you could spend much more over the course of your cat's lifetime, especially if they need on-going vet care not covered by your pet insurance.

What's not included?

If your cat has expensive taste or ends up with other, on-going care like a prescription diet, you might be paying more. These costs may not be claimable through pet health care insurance.



Regular, routine dental treatment to maintain the health of your cat's teeth is not included and is rarely covered on a pet healthcare policy. It does not include the cost of toothpaste or other tooth care products or treats.