

## Example Procedure Costs

### Lump Removal

Initial consultation	£44.00
Histology	£120.90
Pre anaesthetic bloods	£50.00
IV fluids	£85.00
Sedation	£14.64
Pain relief injection	£19.21
30 minute surgery	£447.25
Sutures	£9.35
Oral pain relief	£10.73
Buster collar	£12.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>£813.44</b>

### Stick Injury

Pre anaesthetic bloods	£50.00
X rays	£122.50
IV fluids	£85.00
Pain relief injection	£42.09
Sedation	£14.64
60 minute surgery	£722.23
Sutures	£9.35
Oral pain relief	£10.73
Antibiotics	£34.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>1091.08</b>

*Figures calculated in August 2019 from Rowan Veterinary Centre Ltd*

*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 reference.*

## Consulting Times

### Hillock Lane Surgery

**Monday to Friday**  
8.30am to 7pm

**Saturday**  
8.30am to 1pm



### Blackpool Surgery

**Monday to Friday**  
8.30am to 6pm

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# The Cost of Owning a Dog

## Rowan Veterinary Centre

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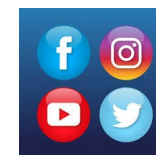
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## The Five Welfare Needs

Getting a dog is a HUGE commitment. They need a loving home, plenty of exercise, a healthy diet, comfy bed, toys to keep them occupied..... the list goes on!



When you get a dog, you have a legal obligation to meet their five welfare needs, keeping them happy and healthy throughout their life. Looking after a dog can be costly, even without any unexpected vet bills and it can be very easy to overlook this in all the excitement of getting a new dog. It's important to understand the costs involved in caring for a dog for their entire life and meeting their welfare needs.

- **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?

You should expect your dog to cost you **at least \$2,166 - £17,000** over their lifetime:

- Small dog breed - **\$2,166 to \$78,666**
- Medium dog breed - **\$4,166 to \$79,666**
- Large dog breed - **\$3,066 to \$73,666**



These figures are an estimated **minimum** and it will vary according to your dog's size, breed and how long they live. Your dog could cost you as much as £33,000 over their lifetime if you decide or need to spend more on their on-going care!

This estimation doesn't include the cost of any vet fees for any illness or injuries, some of which could be life-long medical issues. However the cost of pet insurance is included in this estimation. If your dog has an accident or develops a health problem, the cost of caring for them could increase dramatically. It's important to be prepared for this, which is why we recommend taking out pet insurance.

## 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 dog even comes home to make sure they are happy and healthy in your home. This could include:

- Bed
- Coat, lead, collar and tag
- Food and water bowls
- Toothbrush and tooth paste
- Toys
- Car restraint
- Initial course of vaccinations



- Monthly wormers until 6 months old
- Neutering
- Microchipping

The estimated costs for these are:

- Small dog breed - **£370**
- Medium dog breed - **£390**
- Large dog breed - **£425**

Monthly and on-going costs of looking after your dog will also include:

- Yearly health checks and booster vaccinations
- Regular flea and worm treatments
- Pet insurance
- Food
- Small toy allowance
- Poo bags
- Toothpaste



The estimated monthly costs for the above items are:

- Small dog breed - **£70**
- Medium dog breed - **£80**
- Large dog breed - **£105**

Even though you may have bought some of these items as part of your initial costs, some items you will need to keep buying over your dog's lifetime.

## What's not included?

These costs do not include vet fees if your dog becomes ill. It also doesn't include other services for your dog that might be required depending on your lifestyle, such as the cost of boarding kennels, training classes and any day care needed for your dog.



Other considerations are regular routine dental treatments which many insurance companies do not include in their policies as a condition you can claim for.