

Pet Care

Tips for reducing pet care costs

- Adopted pets have sometimes already had their shots
- Smaller animals eat less than larger animals
- Short-haired animals require less grooming
- Buy pet food in bulk. You can share the cost with a friend who also owns a pet
- Ask your vet if you can pay your bill by volunteering at their clinic
- Pet Health Insurance: for as little as \$20/month you can protect yourself against large vet bills. <https://www.petcareinsurance.com/> is one example; or ask a vet for other options.

Resources for pet owners in Kamloops and region

Affordable Adoption:

Kamloops SPCA
1211 8th Street Kamloops
250.376.7722

Kamloops Animal Control
1303 Mission Flats Rd, Kamloops
250.828.3409

Kijiji Internet Classifieds
Pets category kamloops.kijiji.ca

Pet Food:

Kamloops Food Bank: pet food is often (not always) available to clients with pets
171 Wilson St, Kamloops 250.376.2252 Call or visit to register as a client

Health Care for your Pet:

Kamloops Spay/Neuter Clinic: reasonably priced spay, neutering and vaccinations
391A Tranquille Rd, Kamloops 250.376.6055
Can provide referrals to private Veterinary clinics

Advice About Caring for Pets:

The SPCA is a very good source of information about caring for pets. Visit their website or call if you need advice. <http://www.spca.bc.ca/pet-care/care-behaviour>
250.376.7722

The approximate costs of pet ownership

Keeping a pet healthy and happy can be difficult on a tight budget. Pets can be expensive. Unfortunately, there are very few services for pet owners with low incomes. This sheet covers the basics of pet care, and suggests ways to provide pet care on a budget.

Here's what the SPCA estimates it costs to own different pets.

	Initial One-time Cost (adoption fee, shots, accessories)	Yearly Cost (food, vet care, license, grooming, etc.)
 Dog	\$250-\$550	\$1000
 Cat	\$200-\$300	\$900
 Rabbit	\$300	\$450
 Hamster	\$150	\$225