

## **Where Does The Money Go?**

### **Spay & Neuter**

The average dog spay or neuter can range from \$45-\$175. However, this does not include the cost of pain relief medication that the rescue will also be responsible for. That extra expense is another \$10-\$40 dollars. If you were to get your adopted dog spayed or neutered on your own it could cost you anywhere from \$200-\$500 plus, depending on said variables.

### **Vaccinations**

The cost to vet a new intake including a veterinary wellness visit and vaccinations to prevent Distemper, Parvo, Kennel Cough as well as rabies can cost approximately \$50 to \$200.00, or more.

- Veterinary wellness visit and exam \$50-100
- Distemper vaccination \$20-30x2
- Rabies vaccination \$15-25
- Heartworm test (for dogs) \$15-35

### **Parasite Treatments and Preventatives**

Monthly flea, tick, and ear mite treatments are another monthly cost for all pets in rescue. De-wormer medications are often given preventatively as oppose to waiting to see evidence of worms. These treatments can cost approximately \$10-\$50 assuming that no lab work is needed. Lyme disease and heartworm tests are another cost the rescue will incur to ensure that your dog is in good health. If a dog tests positive, Lyme disease treatment can cost anywhere from \$20-\$100 depending on the size of the dog. However, if a dog needs to be treated for heart-worms the treatment can be extremely costly, and on average it can cost up to \$1,000.

### **Microchips**

Most rescues will not allow their animals to leave the premise without first being microchipped. Although a lot of pet owners insist that their adopted dog will never get lost, as a rescue, we see it happen all the time— whether it be as a result of a natural disaster or an unfortunate accident. The cost for a rescue to microchip their animals is approximately \$45.00 to \$60.00.

### **Food, Shelter & Comfort**

The cost to feed a dog for a month in a rescue can range greatly based on the resources of the rescue, but a general ballpark estimate is around \$40-\$60. This does not include special diets for dogs that need weight loss food or dog food for specific digestive needs. Then there are toys, treats, bedding, and other necessities that the rescue often supplies.

### **Extreme Conditions**

If your adopted dog is put on ear infection medication, eye drops, or other antibiotics, X-rays, echo cardiograms, nebulizers and other specialized treatments. Hospital stay for one week can cost more than \$4,000. Unfortunately, we found this out as recently as this week because of a new intake with Pneumonia.

### **Extras**

Dog Food, Collars, ID tags, Transportation costs

Remember most non-profit organizations do not receive Federal or State funding. Adoption fees, Fundraising and Donations acquired is what keeps the rescue afloat.

Please Give - **TODAY!**