

PET

CONSIDERING A NEW PET?

While owning a pet can be extremely rewarding, it is important to remember that pet ownership is also a huge responsibility.

As a pet owner you will be committed to providing for all the requirements of your pet – food, exercise, housing, grooming and veterinary care for the duration of their life. Researching the basics of pet care before acquiring any new pet is a great place to start, consult our staff, they can advise you on things such as life span, licencing, diet & other essentials that need consideration.

Life span:The average lifespan of dogs & cats is around 12 years, with some dogs & cats living until 15 or even 20 years of age so it's a long-term commitment.

You will need to be prepared to provide for your pet as they mature &, in the case of some dogs, a much larger animal with considerable exercise requirements & appetite.

Some reptiles can live for up to 20 year while some birds can live for much, much longer!

Associated cost's: There are many costs involved with pet ownership. Up front costs for cats and dogs include vaccination, microchipping & desexing. However, you will need to be prepared to pay for ongoing costs associated with food, worming, annual health checks, desexing, vaccination & other vet bills, training, boarding, toys & bedding for the life of the animal. If an emergency or accident occurs, you will also need to ensure you can pay for any emergency veterinary treatment required.

These costs will vary depending on the type of pet you choose.

Special consideration should also be given to things such as:
Grooming- Even short haired pets need attention when it comes to grooming, short haired dogs & cats benefit from regular brushing to keep their coats healthy & to remove the dead coat underneath. Rabbits & guinea pigs will also benefit from this. If your pet has a longer coat, you may need to consider additional grooming costs that your pet will require times a year.

