

Pet Adoption and Finances

Important Shelter Statistics



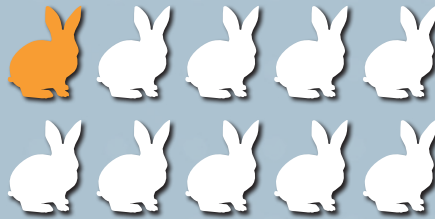
About

**6.5
Million**

animals enter the shelter system each year in the US

1 in 10

pets are no longer in their adoptive home after 6 months



About

3.2 Million



animals are adopted from shelters each year

Adopting from Shelters vs. Buying from Breeders:



Adoption fees are considerably lower than buying



Adopted animals often come already vaccinated, microchipped, spayed, or neutered, plus other perks

Prepare for the Costs Involved in Having a Pet

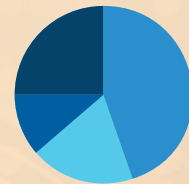


Food, Toys, Vet Care, Grooming, Training, Supplies (bowls, bed, brush, treats, etc.)



Prepare for unexpected costs (health emergencies, accidents, extra training, etc.)

Budgeting



Construct a monthly budget and add cost breakdown

Subtract your expenses from your income



Include the costs of your pet!