

Scanning for key words and phrases

You are thinking about keeping a dog but are not sure if you can afford to.

Activity 1: Read the text and underline all the costs.

A puppy can cost anything from £150.

You will also need things like a bed or basket, food bowls, a collar and lead. Some of these things can be bought cheap or borrowed from friends, but you will need to allow at least £50.

Dog food will cost about £25 per month – depending on the size and fussiness of the dog! Dogs need regular worming and flea treatments. This will cost around £120 a year. Initial vaccinations cost around £120. Boosters will be about another £50 a year.

You should get your dog micro-chipped. This is a one-off payment of about £20.



Activity 2: Write down the costs in the empty boxes in this table. The cost of micro-chipping has been filled in as an example.

Item	One-off cost	Monthly costs	Annual Costs
Puppy/dog			
Equipment			
Micro-chipping	£20		
Food			
Worming and flea treatment			
Vaccinations			

Worksheet Entry 3