

GreySave

Estimated Costs of Keeping a Greyhound

** All costs are estimated ranges and are not meant to be exact.

Item	Size /Quantity / Frequency	Standard Cost	High End Cost	Comments
Food				
<p>Food is a tricky item to estimate. Everyone ends up feeding their dog(s) in their own way. Some people feed primarily kibble with water added, others mix kibble with canned food, others feed raw food, and others make their own wet food. As long as the dog(s) are getting all the nutrition they require (check with your vet) and enough food per day, the choice is up to the owner but can have a huge impact on the cost. Also, some owners add other items to the food – these are optional but may offer additional benefits.</p> <p>Quantity – Small dogs will require about 1 ½ cups per meal twice a day while larger dogs will require 2 cups (or more) per meal twice a day.</p>				
Kibble	Bag sizes vary but you will save money by buying in larger quantities	\$20	\$60	
Canned Food	12 cans	\$20	\$50	
Pumpkin	29 oz cans (unsweetened)	\$4	\$10	Cheaper to buy in larger quantities, seasonal
Fish Oil	Can come in liquid form, gel caps, powder, various types of fish (salmon, sardine)	\$10	\$30	
Plain Yogurt	Non-fat or low-fat, large tub	\$5.00	\$10.00	
Treats				U.S. Made, major variety
Equipment				
Raised Feeders	Includes two bowls for food and water	\$20	\$50 (or more for custom)	
Leash	4 – 6 Feet	\$10	\$30	Each dog comes with one leash from GreySave
Martingale Collar	This collar is only used when the dog is on leash	\$10	\$30 (or more for custom)	Each dog comes with one collar from GreySave
Day Collar	This collar has a snap on connector, stays on dog full time and holds all tags	\$10	\$30 (or more for custom)	
Dog Toys		\$5	\$50	Each dog is different – some play often,

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				some rarely play with toys.
Coat	Greyhounds need coats whenever their humans need coats			Each dog comes with one coat from GreySave
Dog Bed		\$20	\$200	The range and quality in dog beds is enormous. The number of dog beds you will need depends on how large the home is, how many dogs you have, how often the dog will travel with you in vehicles, and how hard your dogs are on the beds, etc.
Medical				
Medical Insurance – Full Coverage	Full Coverage (Most checkups and medical emergencies are covered)			
Medical Insurance – Catastrophic Coverage	You pay for routine and the insurance covers emergencies and more serious issues			
Medical Insurance – Care Credit Card	This is a credit card that can be used for medical issues only and is interest free if paid within one year.			
Annual Wellness Checkup with Shots and parasite stool tests	Senior Dogs – twice a year	\$100	\$200	Depends on what routine treatment is required and on vet.
Dental (w/Anesthesia)	If dog has dental issues, this should be done by the vet's office	\$800	\$1,000	Range may include extractions
Dental (without)	Only when you believe teeth are in good shape – to remove excess tartar	\$100	\$150	Must have vet tech present in case of emergency

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Flea & Tick Treatment	Monthly treatments (annual cost shown here)	\$75	\$100	
Miscellaneous				
These items will be different for each person but some typical items have been listed here for consideration.				
Harness		\$20	\$50	
GPS Tracker				
X-Pens	Each X-pen with 8 panels, usually 36".	\$25	\$50	Most greyhound owners own at least one of these and many own more. Various heights, some have doors.
Crate	Each crate – metal or soft-sided, folding, with pad. Extra Large in size (Dog much be able to stand and move around)	\$40	\$150	Similar to what the dogs lived in at the track. For use with a timid dog, for emergency evacuations, for transporting dogs.
Car	Each person will need to consider if they have a vehicle that can transport their greyhound comfortably and safely. In most cases, this will not require an additional expense.			
Dog Training	Each dog will need to be trained to some degree but the amount of training and how much they are able to do themselves is up to each owner. The cost of training can range from nothing (done by owner) to expensive (done by professional training organization). The usual range is somewhere in the middle – for example, it could include the cost of a book or two or a few hours of class with both the dog and owner.			
Dog Walkers	Greyhounds require adequate walking opportunities; even those with yard access. Families who work may need to hire someone periodically to walk their greyhound. The cost can range from \$20 - \$50/hour , depending on the frequency, distance, etc.			
Dog Sitters	If the owner travels without the greyhound(s), they will need to arrange for a dog sitter. If there are friends or family who can handle this, there may be no additional costs. Also, some greyhound owners prefer to swap with other owners. However, if no other option is available, the cost of dog sitting can range from \$20 - \$100 night , depending on what services are offered.			
Travel Expenses	If the owner decides to travel with the greyhound, there are expenses that should be considered. Many lodging options will allow pets but will charge a small daily fee. Many of the items needed at home will need to be purchased in travel size (such as feeders, food containers, and beds)			