

What are the costs associated with owning a Farmstead 51 Golden Retriever?

Costs during the first 12 months:

1st Vet visit for vaccinations	\$0 (included in initial cost)
2nd Vet visit for vaccinations	\$0 (included in initial cost)
3rd Vet visit for vaccinations (average cost)	\$ 50
4th Vet visit for vaccinations (average cost)	\$ 50
5th Vet visit for vaccinations (average cost)	\$ 50
Microchip, registration and lifetime support	\$0 (included in initial cost)
AKC registration	\$40
Spay/Neuter (average cost)	\$250
City registration and pet tax	\$ 25
Monthly parasite prevention (worms, flea, tick)	\$200
Professional grooming/deshedding (3 x per year)	\$250
Dog food (varies widely)	\$500
Kennel and initial supplies like food bowls, collar, leash	\$150

Annual on-going costs for a healthy pet:

Annual Vet visit for check-up and vaccinations	\$100
Bordatella vaccination (every 6 months)	\$ 30
City registration and pet tax	\$ 25
Monthly parasite prevention (worms, flea, tick)	\$200
Professional grooming/deshedding (3 x per year)	\$250
Dog food (average cost, varies widely)	\$500

Other annual costs to consider:

Toys (replace or add new ones each month)	\$120
Treats (average cost, varies widely)	\$ 60
At-home grooming tools	\$ 50
Boarding (average of 4 days per year)	\$150
Training (varies widely, 5 visits with professional trainer)	\$150

A few thoughts:

- In general, you get what you pay for! If you choose a veterinarian, a groomer or parasite prevention based solely on the lowest price, the quality of service/product will likely suffer.
- Think about budgeting for high quality dog food, chew toys, kennel and collar/leash. Save money on low quality plush toys and beds, that will likely be destroyed through the puppy phase.
- Invest in professional grooming tools (\$350) and professional education (\$200) and groom at home! You'll save a ton of money and build an even stronger bond with your dog!
- Food costs and philosophies vary widely. Your dog's health is directly related to the quality of food that you choose to feed. We feed and recommend Life's Abundance dog food. All of our adults, older puppies and 4-8 week old puppies eat Life's Abundance All Life Stages Dry Dog food. We switched to LA in September 2019 and are overwhelmingly impressed with this food and the transparency of the company.

