

## CAN I AFFORD A COLLIE?

Adopting a collie is not the only expense an owner will have. There will be expenses throughout the collie's life. Listed below are expenses that the future collie owner should consider before adopting.

### *Veterinary Expenses*

Interceptor Heart Worm medication yearly in Texas  
Heart Worm Test Yearly  
Rabies Vaccine every two to three years now allowed in Texas  
Yearly vaccines  
Exams  
Dental Cleanings- Some collies need their teeth cleaned yearly  
Veterinary expenses have a wide range of prices, depending on the city.

### *Food*

Collies need a good premium food to keep their coat shiny and healthy  
Dry food is best since it helps keep their teeth clean, a small amount of canned food can be added or such products as Moist and Meaty. Human food is not recommended due to the sensitive nature of some collie's intestinal tract. Premium dry food ranges in price from \$25.00- \$50.00 for a 30 or 40 pound bag.

### *Maintenance*

Rough coated collies need to be brushed weekly and bathed at least every 2 months. Products such as a waterless shampoo or baby powder or cornstarch mixed with baby powder can be used to help keep the coat clean between baths. Professional grooming is recommended and necessary if the owner is not familiar with the upkeep of a collie's coat.

Smooth coated collies also require weekly brushing, but it is mostly to remove loose hair. The smooth also needs a bath at least every two months. Other requirements are the same as the rough collie.

Toenails need to be cut on a monthly basis, if the owner feels uncomfortable with this task; a groomer or the veterinary office can do it. Collies have dew claws and they must not be forgotten when cutting the toenails.

Average cost to bathe and groom a rough coated collie is \$50.00- \$100.00 depending on the condition of the coat. Smooths will be slightly less. Toenail clipping average cost \$10.00.

### *Unexpected Expenses*

Accidental Injuries  
Ex. Broken Bones, sickness, allergies



## **Crates**

- Crates should be large enough for your dog to stand up in and turn around. We recommend that flat-sided watering buckets be placed off of the floor and attached to the sides of the crate.  
Item # 19A-2002

## **Collars**

- Nylon Choke Collars (18"-22")  
Item #101WH

## **Grooming Aids**

- Vellus Wood Handle Comb  
Item #05A-V101
- Wire Pin Brush (Large)  
Item #07A-25250
- Doggyman Giant Slicker  
Item #07B-83033
- Magic Touch # Spray Concentrate  
Item #17A-1718

We are providing you with a list of items to help you get started with making your new dog feel at home and loved.

We recommend purchasing your items from Dogshowpro.com, (Woodpeckers) a local dog supplier that has a complete list of supplies for professional dog grooming and care.

Below are listed some items from their online listings to make ordering easier for you.

Remember that you can always contact DFW Collie Rescue for a recommendation on dog food and other needed items.

Go to the web site: <http://www.dogshowpro.com> or contact them at:

Office:  
821 Willow Ct.  
Saginaw, TX 76179

Phone:  
1-800-597-6342  
1-817-232-3067

Warehouse:  
4217 Garland St., Suite C  
Ft. Worth, TX 76117

Fax:  
1-817-306-0259

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***Here is a list of needed dog supplies:***

- Water dish
- Food Dish
- Leash
- Collar
- I.D. Tag
- Chew Toys
- Brushes and Combs
- Crate & Pad
- Baby Gate
- Doggy Bed