

Comparing Costs

Key financial ideas

- ★ It's important to find out all the possible costs before you make a decision to buy.
- ★ You can't always afford what you want!
- ★ Time can be an important "cost" to consider.

You need

- ★ a calculator
- ★ a pet-care costs sheet (see copymaster)
- ★ a classmate

Activity

Teigan's story

I was talking to some friends about different pets and which were the cheapest to own. Afterwards, I went to the local pet shop to investigate.

I know there's a lot involved in being a responsible dog owner, but I'd really like a dog as a friend!

- With a classmate, use the information on your pet-care costs sheet to work out the set-up costs for a dog. (Use the lowest price where there is a range given.) You could use a table like this:

Type of animal	Item	Cost
Dog	Lead	\$25

- Do the same for the other animals or water creatures on the pet-care costs sheet.
- Discuss which things in each list you think are necessary and which are optional extras.
 - Discuss some ways you can meet animals' needs or wants without spending much money.



Toys are fun, but I'll chew on an old shoe if you give me one. (I really like new ones, too!)

Reflective question

- ★ What else will you need to think about before you decide to buy set-up items for animals such as dogs or cats?