

Puppy First-Year Vet Cost Checklist

Use this worksheet to plan vaccine visits, routine prevention, and unexpected-cost protection for a new puppy.

1. Core first-year visits

6-8 weeks	Discuss DHPP start, deworming, fecal test, nutrition, parasite prevention, and safe socialization.
10-12 weeks	DHPP booster and risk-based vaccines such as leptospirosis, Lyme, bordetella, or canine influenza if recommended.
14-16 weeks	Final puppy DHPP booster, rabies per local law, and second doses for selected non-core vaccines.
12-16 months	First adult booster visit and long-term prevention plan.

2. Budget line items

Routine care	Exam fees, vaccine series, fecal testing, deworming, microchip, preventives, and follow-up visits.
Optional planning	Spay/neuter estimate, training, grooming, dental home care, and breed-specific screening questions.
Emergency buffer	Set aside funds or compare insurance before symptoms, injuries, or diagnoses occur.

3. Quote comparison notes

Insurance settings	Compare deductible, reimbursement rate, annual limit, waiting periods, exam fee coverage, dental rules, and exclusions.
Vet questions	Ask what is required now, what can wait, and what local disease risks affect non-core vaccine choices.
Records to save	Vaccine certificate, rabies tag, microchip number, medication list, and emergency hospital contact.

PetVitals.com educational resource. Your veterinarian should personalize vaccine timing and preventive care for your puppy.