

Cost-Saving Home Cat Care Tips

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Pet-care costs can add up quickly. Between supplies, nutrition and healthcare, some owners spend thousands of dollars annually for a single pet. Do you make every dollar count? Start with these 10 money-saving tips.

1 For routine grooming, consider washing and grooming your cat yourself. Use [Drs Foster & Smith Advanced Formula Oatmeal Shampoo & Conditioner](#), for pets with dry, itchy skin, and [Pet Towels](#) to dry pets thoroughly.

3 If you're really diligent with home care, you can reduce your cat's chances of periodontal disease and painful tooth loss - both of which can be expensive to treat. [Dental Kit](#), [Dental Cleanser](#), and [dental toys](#), are "must haves" for at-home care.

5 Save on your cat's medications. Compare prices online for same brand, same strength medications. The [Drs. Foster and Smith online pharmacy](#) is available 24 hours a day; you'll find some of the lowest prices available on common prescription items like [Heartgard](#).

2 Learn how to [clip your cat's nails](#) yourself. Our customers find the [Cat Nail Trimmer Kit](#) ideal for this task.

4 Regular brushing with an [Shedding Tool](#) and [Dual Sided Cat Brush](#) can help remove loose top coat hair and excess undercoat hair to prevent the expense of dealing with mats and hairballs.

6 Some owners choose to vaccinate their cats at home to save money. We can supply you with the [vaccines, syringes and needles](#) you need. We still recommend that your cat have a yearly physical by your veterinarian.

7 Feed a better food. [Premium foods](#) like [Drs. Foster and Smith Country Classic Dinners®](#) provide excellent nutrition and may help stave off costly health problems that result from poor nutrition. Many times you can feed less of a premium food, too, because it is more nutrient dense, so you get more value for your money.

9 Use a [clumping litter](#). It allows you to completely remove urine and feces to slow down bacterial growth and lengthen the amount of time your litter can be used before changes.

8 Spay or neuter your cat. This procedure is much less expensive than the newborn care of a litter of kittens, not to mention the costs of finding suitable homes for the kittens.

10 Regular ear care may save you an unplanned trip to the veterinarian for an ear infection. We recommend an inexpensive solution like [Ear Clens®](#) for the job.

When you shop around for pet supplies, perform some of your cat's care yourself, and practice preventive care, you can save a significant amount on pet care each year.