

Ways to Save Money

INVEST IN A GOOD QUALITY FOOD

Most people think buying a grocery store brand for pennies a pound is a great way to save money. In reality, foods from grocery stores or Wal-Mart and even foods like Pro-plan, Science Diet, and Iams are full of corn, wheat, meat byproducts (road kill), and preservatives. Feeding one of these foods is almost a guarantee of allergies, liver disease, or cancer. Spending a bit more to buy a super premium food can save you hundreds in the long run. A cat/dog that eats quality food that is naturally preserved is less susceptible to developing diseases and has a healthier immune system which helps them fight contagious illnesses. Spending a little more on food can mean saving hundreds or thousands on vet bills.

RESEARCH

Over-vaccination actually breaks down a pet's immune system making them more likely to become ill. Research your pet's health care and make informed decisions for your pet. For years, the American Veterinary Medical Association has acknowledged that most cats/dogs do not need boosters of their vaccinations annually. The majority of vets have ignored these guidelines, since their income is primarily based on the large markup on vaccines. Research pet vaccinations and your cat/dog. Knowing about quality nutrition and over-vaccinating can not only give you the power to save money, but improve the quality of your pet's life!

DO BLOOD TITER TESTING IN PLACE OF VACCINES

Check out It's For The Animals: for some excellent articles from the leading holistic veterinarians regarding the dangers of over-vaccinating.

DO NOT USE CHEMICAL FLEA TREATMENTS

Use of Chemical Flea Treatments (Advantage, Frontline, Hartz, etc.) are not only expensive but they have been linked to cancer. Why do you think the directions tell you to wash immediately should you get any on your hands, and KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN?

Use natural chemical-free flea treatments such as DeFlea shampoo, spray, and Ark Naturals Neem Protect spray. Both are very good products.

Treat your lawn with non-toxic Food Grade Diatomaceous Earth (DE) - a calcium dust ground from single-cell, ocean organisms to your lawns, walkways, and planting beds (anywhere your pets frequent). This application works as an abrasive and desiccant, physically drying out and destroying the adult fleas' breathing organs as well as drying out and killing flea larvae. This process is inexpensive, and the fleas cannot develop resistance to DE. Use a mask whenever handling DE; the dust can irritate the lungs. Food Grade Diatomaceous Earth can be bought at most garden centers