

2. Cat or Dog?



I'm Susan. Would you help me choose a pet? I love both cats and dogs equally but I would like to spend as little money as possible each year. Compare these expenses in a spreadsheet and show me your answer. Create a graph.

Humane Society Pets Adoptions!

All dogs \$50

All cats \$90

The small print:

All pet adoptions include vaccinations, spaying and neutering.

Cat Accessory list

Collar \$2.00

Small ID tag \$4.50

Food and water bowl ... \$7.00

The small print:

Buy one of each of these for my pet.

Dog Accessory list

Collar (large) \$2.50

Large ID tag \$5.50

Food and water bowl.... \$7.00

Leash \$3.00

The small print:

Buy one of each of these for my pet.

Cat Supplies list

Box of cat food \$11.00

Kitty Litter \$8.00

The small print: Buy two of each of these for my pet each month.

Dog Supplies list

Bag of dog food..... \$21.00

Dog treats \$3.00

The small print: Buy two of each of these for my pet each month.

Some hints:

1. Read every detail in both people's comments and the small print of each box.
2. Use a spreadsheet to calculate the total cost of ownership for owning each pet for one year (12 months).
3. Make a bar chart showing the first year's total price for a dog and a cat.