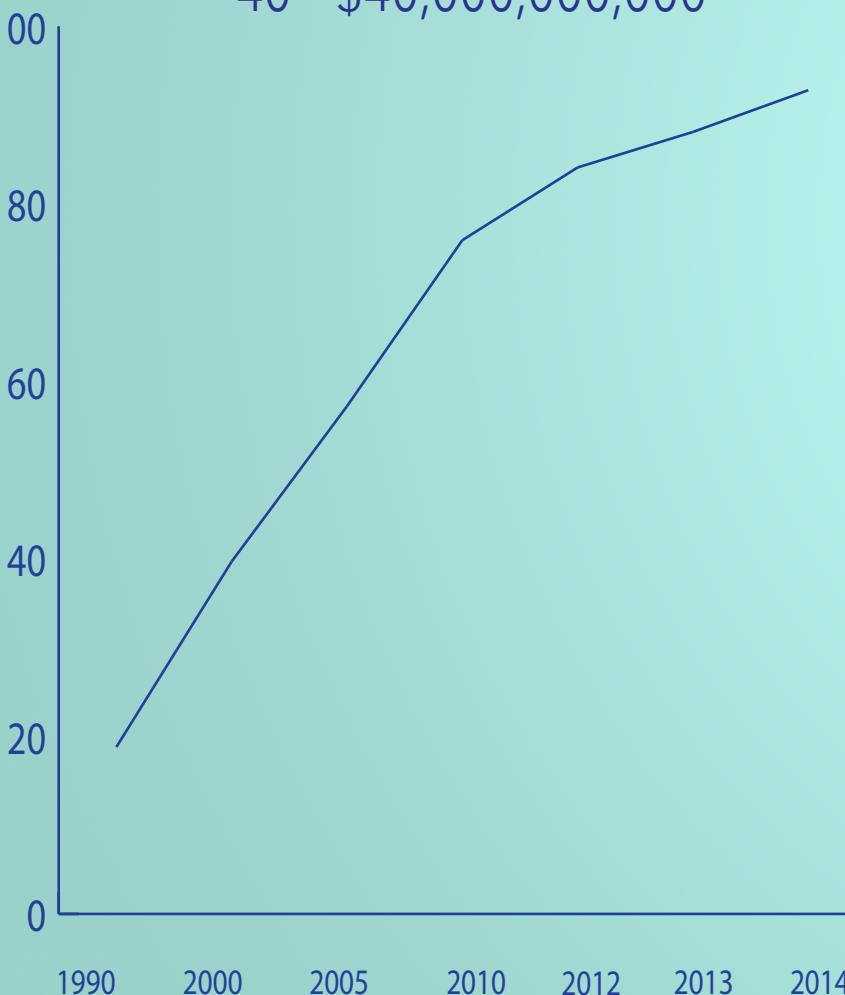


# COST OF A CANINE

## Total U.S. Expenditure on Pets

Represented in billions of dollars

40 = \$40,000,000,000



Last year, animal shelters across the United States took in **7.6 million** animals. About **51%** (3.9 million) were dogs. In addition, **2.7 out of 7.6 million** animals were euthanized last year. **1.2 million** were dogs.

A main reason why so many dogs end up in the shelter is because families can no longer financially support their pet. People are unaware of the additional costs that come along with owning a pet. Not paying the \$200 to get a proper spay or neuter can lead to a number of dogs, which families have to find homes for or turn them over to the shelter.

As dogs become a more essential part of the American family life, it is important to understand just how much money you'll be investing before you buy that furry friend in the pet shop window. From the collar on his or her neck to the unexpected medical bills, get ready to spend some \$.

Breakdown of The First Year Costs for Large, Medium and Small dogs

