



Saving Money Pets

Living independently includes being responsible for rent or mortgage repayments, utilities, transport costs, school fees, pets, food and other every day expenses. When money is very tight there is even more reason to budget.

- Ensure that you only have the number of pets you are allowed to have by your landlord.
- Ensure that you only have the number of Pets that you can provide adequate shelter, food and attention for and that your council allows in your residential areas.

Remember to include Pet expenses on the regular budget plan, these may include:

- Food
 - Shelter
 - Vet bills
 - Pet Insurance
 - Regular worming treatments and vaccinations
 - Emergency illness, accident or veterinary care
-
- Pet Insurance Providers are commonplace and you can budget for these items.
 - This provides the opportunity for more flexible payment arrangements when your pet is sick or there is an emergency and will ultimately save you money.
 - Maybe a friend or family member who also has a pet can help you, by going to the supermarket together and buying food in bulk and sharing it amongst yourselves.
 - Maybe a friend or family member could help by looking after your pet for you for a short time until you are in control of your finances again.

Do you need help looking after your pet?

There are services than can help you find a trusted pet sitter in your community.

<https://www.pawshake.com.au/>

It is important to remember that if you are no longer able to look after your animal. There are places that you can surrender your pet and they will look after them and rehouse them

- Animal Welfare League
- SA Dog Rescue
- Paws for Claws
- RSPCA
- Dog Foster