How wellness care saves money

Pet and condition	Typical cost of treatment	Preventive measures	Typical cost of prevention	Annual cost savings
40-lb dog with osteoarthritis worsened by obesity	$400 per year based on one 75-mg chewable NSAID tablet per day ($199.99 180-pill bottle from online pharmacy) $180 per year for drug-monitoring blood tests* $216 per year based on daily nutritional supplement with chondroitin-glucosamine ($89.99 150-pill bottle from online pharmacy) $462 per year for therapeutic dry diet ($77 30-lb bag lasting two months) **Annual cost of treatment: $1,258**	• Maintain lean body weight • Feed premium diet	$270 per year for therapeutic dry diet ($30 20-lb bag lasting 40 days) $216 per year based on daily nutritional supplement with chondroitin-glucosamine ($89.99 150-pill bottle from online pharmacy) **Annual cost of prevention: $486**	$772
10-lb cat with Type 2 diabetes	$110 per year for two six-month fructosamine-level tests* $90 per year for one blood test* $60 per year for two urinalyses* $306 per year for insulin based on 10 units per day ($33.99 bottle with four doses from online pharmacy) $108 per year for insulin syringes ($29.99 for 100 syringes from online pharmacy) $750 per year for therapeutic wet food (based on feeding 1.5 cans per day) **Annual cost of treatment: $1,424**	• Maintain lean body weight	$90 per year for therapeutic dry food (based on 0.75 cup per day from $29.99 20-lb bag from online pharmacy) **Annual cost of prevention: $90**	$1,334
10-lb cat with chronic kidney disease	$120 per year for four urinalyses* $180 per year for two blood tests* $60 per year for two blood pressure checks monitoring* $240 per year for at-home subcutaneous fluid administration and supplies (based on $80 per case of fluids, administration sets, needles, and shipping costs from online retailer) $50 per year for aluminum hydroxide dried gel powder (from online retailer) $840 per year for therapeutic wet food (based on 1.5 cans per day) **Annual cost of treatment (advanced disease): $1,490**	• Diagnose kidney disease early (before BUN and creatinine are significantly elevated)	$840 per year for therapeutic wet food (based on 1.5 cans per day) $180 per year for two blood tests* $60 per year for two urinalyses* **Annual cost of treatment (early-stage disease): $1,080**	$410

** Based on industry averages*

Courtesy of Dr. Ernest Ward Jr., Seaside Animal Care in Calabash, N.C.