

## A Pet for Jem

Jem wanted a pet.

His friend, Jack, had a dog, his friend Lee had a dog.

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Jem talked to his Mum and Dad. "Can we have a dog?" he asked.



"Well", said his Dad, "I had a dog when I was your age. We just got one, and I didn't know much about looking after a pet, and that you have to think how much it costs to get everything that they need"

Mum said, " We had two cats when I was your age, and I didn't know much about looking after them"



Jem thought about this and said, "If I find out how much it costs to keep a dog, and what they need, please can we have one?"

Mum and Dad looked at each other. "Well we could help a little bit here," said Dad, "we will work out if we have the right budget to

look after a dog, and also how much space they need...."

"If you can find out how much it will be to care for a dog," said Mum. "We will then get together and make a decision," she said.

"Once this has been done, we will talk again," said Dad, "we are not going to say Yes until we are sure that we can care for a dog properly.

Jem was thrilled, he spent some time making a list of things that he needed to cost out.



### Task

Help Jem by finding out how much it will cost to keep a dog by clicking on the link below. Talk to your parents/carers about it, and think what you need to put on your list. Think about what you need to keep you safe and healthy, and then what a dog might need to keep safe and healthy.

See <https://www.oaktreanimals.org.uk/community/education-learning/cost-of-pet-ownership.html>.