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When you have a new baby, there isn't a lot of choice but to make sure they have diapers, food, clothing, and other necessities. The great thing about taking in a dog is you do have the choice to either bring them home or wait until later to adopt. If you decide to adopt now, you must be prepared to pay for their care just as you would a new baby. Following are the expenses you should be prepared to handle.

Fees for Adoption or Purchase can vary greatly. Purchasing a puppy from a breeder that offers purebred labs can be expensive, so consider adopting a Labrador retriever from a shelter or rescue group. There are many purebred and mixed labs in shelters that could lose their lives if they are not adopted. The fees are much less than with a breeder as well.

The most expensive way to adopt a Labrador retriever is to visit a local pet store or go to a local breeder. If you want to save a dog that needs a home and spend less on adoption fees, visit a local shelter. Some rescues can be expensive, and many shelter dogs will lose their lives if they are not adopted. Watch your shelter dog for temperament and health problems before rescuing them, but there are many healthy labs in shelters waiting for adoption. This includes purebreds! A very cost effective place to purchase a Lab is from [Atlanta chocolate Labrador Retriever puppies](#)

Care from a Vet can be very expensive at times. Vet care comes into play immediately after bringing a dog home. You will need to catch them up on their required shots, check for worms or other health problems, and potentially get them spayed or neutered. If you are concerned about covering these expenses right away, consider adopting from a rescue group. Rescues are good about giving their dogs their shots and spaying or neutering them before adopting them out. They will also let you know if a dog is not good with other dogs, cats, or children.

Shelters often give out vouchers for spay and neuter services, and they may have programs to cut down on the expense of shots. Shot clinics and discounts may be available even for dogs not adopted through the shelter.

Dog training is a must do. Every Labrador retriever benefits from training. This is how you teach them what you expect from them while in your home and while interacting with your family. Be prepared to purchase a book on training at the very least. It is even better to sign your dog up for training classes or hire a professional trainer to work privately with your family.

Other expenses need to be considered. You must be prepared to feed your dog, entertain your dog, and keep them comfortable. You might purchase dog food from a store or decide to make it from home. You will need a bed or potentially a crate for the dog, as well as toys that are safe for them to play with. An outdoor dog lot with dog house may be needed as well.

You also have to consider the potential for emergency vet bills. Some dogs end up having health conditions just like humans. Other dogs may have accidents that need emergency attention. You can take out pet insurance if you are worried about covering these vet bills, which can be quite expensive.

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