**Dog:**

Materials:

* 3 Checks
* 12 $100 bills (12 breeder or 9 adopted)
* 5 $50 bills (5 breeder or 4 adopted)
* 12 $20 bills (12 breeder or 8 adopted)
* 9 $10 bills (9 breeder or 5 adopted)
* 8 $5 bills (8 breeder or 7 adopted)
* 27 $1 bills (15 breeder or 27 adopted)
* Cards:
  + Breeder $500 vs Adopted $185
  + Microchip (breeder $45 vs adopted $0)
  + Spay/Neuter (breeder $140 vs adopted $0)
  + Dog Bed (breeder $15 vs adopted $6)
  + Kennel (breeder $117 vs adopted $99)
  + Leash/collar/dog walker (breeder $330 vs adopted $300)
  + Vet Expense (breeder $55 vs adopted $0)
  + Heartguard and Frontline (breeder $52 vs adopted $0)
  + Food and Containers (breeder $72 vs adopted $64)
  + ID tag (breeder $12 vs adopted $9)
  + Sitter/Boarding (breeder $80 vs adopted $80)
  + Toys/Enrichment (breeder $50 vs adopted $38)
  + Hairbrush/shampoo/nail clippers (breeder $37 vs adopted $24)
  + Groomer (breeder $40 vs adopted $40)
  + Love (FREE)
  + Long Term Home: 8-20 years
  + Toothbrush/toothpaste (breeder $17 vs adopted $12)
  + Training (breeder $130 vs adopted $57)
  + Fence if own home (breeder $4,000 vs adopted $4,000)
  + License (breeder $28 vs adopted $28)
  + Stain/Odor Remover (breeder $15 vs adopted $15)
  + Emergency Bills (breeder $1,200 vs adopted $1,200)
  + Pet Rent if rent home/apt (breeder $600 vs adopted $600)
* **TOTAL COST: Breeder $7,535 vs Adopted $6,757**

**Cat:**

Materials:

* 2 Checks
* 6 $100 bills (6 breeder or 6 adopted)
* 5 $50 bills (5 breeder or 2 adopted)
* 10 $20 bills (10 breeder or 6 adopted)
* 8 $10 bills (8 breeder or 5 adopted)
* 8 $5 bills (8 breeder or 4 adopted)
* 18 $1 bills (18 breeder or 15 adopted)
* Cards:
  + Breeder $500 vs Adopted $75
  + Microchip (breeder $45 vs adopted $0)
  + Spay/Neuter (breeder $75 vs adopted $0)
  + Cat Bed (breeder $18 vs adopted $10)
  + Carrier (breeder $30 vs adopted $30)
  + Vet Expense (breeder $55 vs adopted $0)
  + Heartguard and Frontline (breeder $82 vs adopted $0)
  + Food and Containers (breeder $58 vs adopted $54)
  + ID tag (breeder $12 vs adopted $9)
  + Sitter/Boarding (breeder $50 vs adopted $50)
  + Toys/Enrichment (breeder $31 vs adopted $23)
  + Hairbrush/shampoo/nail clippers (breeder $24 vs adopted $20)
  + Groomer (breeder $40 vs adopted $40)
  + Love (FREE)
  + Long Term Home:2-20 years
  + Toothbrush/toothpaste (breeder $12 vs adopted $12)
  + License (breeder $15 vs adopted $15)
  + Litter/litter pan/litter scoop (breeder $26 vs adopted $27)
  + Stain/Odor Remover (breeder $15 vs adopted $15)
  + Emergency Bills (breeder $1,000 vs adopted $1,000)
  + Pet Rent if rent home/apt (breeder $600 vs adopted $600)
* **TOTAL COST: Breeder $2,688 vs Adopted $1,980**

**Puppy:**

Materials:

* 3 Checks
* 13 $100 bills (13 breeder or 10 adopted)
* 5 $50 bills (5 breeder or 4 adopted)
* 10 $20 bills (10 breeder or 9 adopted)
* 11 $10 bills (11 breeder or 5 adopted)
* 11 $5 bills (11 breeder or 9 adopted)
* 28 $1 bills (16 breeder or 28 adopted)
* Cards:
  + Breeder $2,500 vs Adopted $350
  + Microchip (breeder $45 vs adopted $0)
  + Spay/Neuter (breeder $115 vs adopted $0)
  + Dog Bed (breeder $15 vs adopted $6)
  + Kennel (breeder $117 vs adopted $99)
  + Leash/collar/dog walker (breeder $330 vs adopted $300)
  + Vet Expense (breeder $55 vs adopted $0)
  + Heartguard and Frontline (breeder $52 vs adopted $0)
  + Food and Containers (breeder $75 vs adopted $67)
  + ID tag (breeder $12 vs adopted $9)
  + Sitter/Boarding (breeder $80 vs adopted $80)
  + Toys/Enrichment (breeder $50 vs adopted $38)
  + Hairbrush/shampoo/nail clippers (breeder $37 vs adopted $24)
  + Groomer (breeder $40 vs adopted $40)
  + Love (FREE)
  + Long Term Home: 8-20 years
  + Toothbrush/toothpaste (breeder $17 vs adopted $12)
  + Training (breeder $130 vs adopted $57)
  + Safety gates/Fence if own home (breeder $4,100 vs adopted $4,100)
  + License (breeder $28 vs adopted $28)
  + Potty pads (breeder $38 vs adopted $38)
  + Stain/Odor Remover (breeder $15 vs adopted $15)
  + Emergency Bills (breeder $1,200 vs adopted $1,200)
  + Pet Rent if rent home/apt (breeder $600 vs adopted $600)
* **TOTAL COST: Breeder $9,651 vs Adopted $7,063**

**Kitten:**

Materials:

* 2 Checks
* 6 $100 bills (6 breeder or 6 adopted)
* 5 $50 bills (5 breeder or 2 adopted)
* 9 $20 bills (9 breeder or 6 adopted)
* 9 $10 bills (9 breeder or 5 adopted)
* 7 $5 bills (7 breeder or 5 adopted)
* 15 $1 bills (15 breeder or 12 adopted)
* Cards:
  + Breeder $750 vs Adopted $150
  + Microchip (breeder $45 vs adopted $0)
  + Spay/Neuter (breeder $75 vs adopted $0)
  + Cat Bed (breeder $18 vs adopted $10)
  + Carrier (breeder $30 vs adopted $30)
  + Vet Expense (breeder $55 vs adopted $0)
  + Heartguard and Frontline (breeder $82 vs adopted $0)
  + Food and Containers (breeder $60 vs adopted $56)
  + ID tag (breeder $12 vs adopted $9)
  + Sitter/Boarding (breeder $50 vs adopted $50)
  + Toys/Enrichment (breeder $31 vs adopted $23)
  + Hairbrush/shampoo/nail clippers (breeder $24 vs adopted $20)
  + Groomer (breeder $40 vs adopted $40)
  + Love (FREE)
  + Long Term Home: 2-20 years
  + Toothbrush/toothpaste (breeder $12 vs adopted $12)
  + License (breeder $15 vs adopted $15)
  + Litter/litter pan/litter scoop (breeder $26 vs adopted $27)
  + Stain/Odor Remover (breeder $15 vs adopted $15)
  + Emergency Bills (breeder $1,000 vs adopted $1,000)
  + Pet Rent if rent home/apt (breeder $600 vs adopted $600)
* **TOTAL COST: Breeder $2,940 vs Adopted $2,057**

**Cockatoo:**

Materials:

* 2 Checks
* 7 $100 bills (7 breeder or 7 adopted)
* 2 $50 bills (2 breeder or 2 adopted)
* 7 $20 bills (7 breeder or 7 adopted)
* 3 $10 bills (3 breeder or 3 adopted)
* 1 $5 bill (1 breeder or 1 adopted)
* 4 $1 bills (4 breeder or 4 adopted)
* Cards:
  + Breeder $1,250 vs Adopted $300
  + Cage (breeder $700 vs adopted $700)
  + Carrier cage (breeder $60 vs adopted $60)
  + Perch for exercise (breeder $20 vs adopted $20)
  + Food and Containers (breeder $60 vs adopted $60)
  + Sitter/Boarding (breeder $40 vs adopted $40)
  + Toys/Enrichment (breeder $22 vs adopted $22)
  + Misting bottle and nail clippers (breeder $12 vs adopted $12)
  + Beak and nail trim (breeder $40 vs adopted $40)
  + Love (FREE)
  + Long Term Home: 25-50 years
  + Emergency Bills (breeder $125 vs adopted $125)
  + Pet Rent (breeder $600 vs adopted $600)
* **TOTAL COST: Breeder $2,929 vs Adopted $1,979**

**Hedgehog:**

Materials:

* 5 $100 bills (5 breeder or 2 adopted)
* 1 $50 bill (0 breeder or 1 adopted)
* 3 $20 bills (3 breeder or 3 adopted)
* 6 $10 bills (6 breeder or 5 adopted)
* 4 $5 bills (4 breeder or 4 adopted)
* 9 $1 bills (9 breeder or 9 adopted)
* Cards:
  + Breeder $300 vs Adopted $50
  + Cage with heat lamp (breeder $100 vs adopted $100)
  + Critter Carrier (breeder $20 vs adopted $20)
  + Exercise wheel (breeder $15 vs adopted $15)
  + Food and Containers and live mealworms (breeder $21 vs adopted $21)
  + Sitter/Boarding (breeder $10 vs adopted $10)
  + Toys/Enrichment (breeder $13 vs adopted $3)
  + Shampoo and nail clippers (breeder $15 vs adopted $15)
  + Love (FREE)
  + Long Term Home: 4-8 years
  + Bedding (breeder $16 vs adopted $16)
  + Stain/Odor Remover (breeder $14 vs adopted $14)
  + Emergency Bills (breeder $125 vs adopted $125)
* **TOTAL COST: Breeder $649 vs Adopted $389**

**Ball Python:**

Materials:

* 4 $100 bills (4 breeder or 3 adopted)
* 4 $50 bills (4 breeder or 4 adopted)
* 3 $20 bills (1 breeder or 3 adopted)
* 3 $10 bills (3 breeder or 3 adopted)
* 1 $5 bill (1 breeder or 1 adopted)
* 2 $1 bills (2 breeder or 2 adopted)
* Cards:
  + Breeder $100 vs Adopted $40
  + Aquarium/UV Bulb/Heat pad (breeder $200 vs adopted $200)
  + Pillowcase Carrier (breeder $2 vs adopted $2)
  + Food and Containers including frozen mice (breeder $60 vs adopted $60)
  + Sitter/Boarding (breeder $10 vs adopted $10)
  + Enrichment/cage supplies (breeder $75 vs adopted $75)
  + Love (FREE)
  + Long Term Home: 25 years
  + Substrate (breeder $50 vs adopted $50)
  + Stain/Odor Remover (breeder $10 vs adopted $10)
  + Emergency Bills (breeder $150 vs adopted $150)
* **TOTAL COST: Breeder $657 vs Adopted $597**

**Turtle:**

Materials:

* 2 $100 bills (2 breeder or 2 adopted)
* 1 $50 bill (1 breeder or 0 adopted)
* 5 $20 bills (3 breeder or 5 adopted)
* 3 $10 bills (3 breeder or 3 adopted)
* 4 $5 bills (4 breeder or 4 adopted)
* 4 $1 bills (4 breeder or 4 adopted)
* Cards:
  + Breeder $50 vs Adopted $40
  + Aquarium (breeder $140 vs adopted $140)
  + Food and Containers (breeder $15 vs adopted $15)
  + Sitter/Boarding (breeder $10 vs adopted $10)
  + Enrichment hideaway (breeder $17 vs adopted $17)
  + Love (FREE)
  + Long Term Home: 20 years
  + Stain/Odor Remover (breeder $7 vs adopted $7)
  + Emergency Bills (breeder $125 vs adopted $125)
* **TOTAL COST: Breeder $364 vs Adopted $354**

**Rabbit:**

Materials:

* 2 $100 bills (2 breeder or 2 adopted)
* 2 $50 bills (2 breeder or 0 adopted)
* 11 $20 bills (11 breeder or 9 adopted)
* 4 $10 bills (4 breeder or 4 adopted)
* 7 $5 bills (7 breeder or 5 adopted)
* 21 $1 bills (21 breeder or 18 adopted)
* Cards:
  + Breeder $50 vs Adopted $20
  + Microchip (breeder $45 vs adopted $0)
  + Spay/Neuter (breeder $75 vs adopted $0)
  + Cage (breeder $125 vs adopted $125)
  + Critter Carrier (breeder $30 vs adopted $30)
  + Food and Containers including fresh veggies (breeder $47 vs adopted $47)
  + Sitter/Boarding (breeder $10 vs adopted $10)
  + Toys/Enrichment to include teeth chews (breeder $33 vs adopted $30)
  + Shampoo and nail clippers (breeder $14 vs adopted $14)
  + Love (FREE)
  + Long Term Home: 7-10 years
  + Playpen (breeder $22 vs adopted $22)
  + Litter pan and bedding (breeder $26 vs adopted $26)
  + Stain/Odor Remover (breeder $14 vs adopted $14)
  + Emergency Bills (breeder $125 vs adopted $125)
* **TOTAL COST: Breeder $616 vs Adopted $463**

**Guinea Pig:**

Materials:

* 2 $100 bills (2 breeder or 2 adopted)
* 0 $50 bills (0 breeder or 0 adopted)
* 8 $20 bills (8 breeder or 6 adopted)
* 5 $10 bills (4 breeder or 5 adopted)
* 7 $5 bills (6 breeder or 7 adopted)
* 19 $1 bills (19 breeder or 16 adopted)
* Cards:
  + Breeder $40 vs Adopted $15
  + Cage (breeder $100 vs adopted $100)
  + Critter Carrier (breeder $35 vs adopted $35)
  + Food and Containers including fresh veggies (breeder $47 vs adopted $47)
  + Sitter/Boarding (breeder $10 vs adopted $10)
  + Toys/Enrichment to include teeth chews (breeder $33 vs adopted $30)
  + Nail clippers (breeder $7 vs adopted $7)
  + Love (FREE)
  + Long Term Home: 4-8 years
  + Playpen (breeder $22 vs adopted $22)
  + Bedding (breeder $16 vs adopted $16)
  + Stain/Odor Remover (breeder $14 vs adopted $14)
  + Emergency Bills (breeder $125 vs adopted $125)
* **TOTAL COST: Breeder $449 vs Adopted $421**

**Hamster:**

Materials:

* 1 $100 bill (1 breeder or 1 adopted)
* 0 $50 bills (0 breeder or 0 adopted)
* 4 $20 bills (4 breeder or 3 adopted)
* 6 $10 bills (6 breeder or 5 adopted)
* 3 $5 bills (2 breeder or 3 adopted)
* 16 $1 bills (16 breeder or 15 adopted)
* Cards:
  + Breeder $30 vs Adopted $5
  + Cage (breeder $40 vs adopted $40)
  + Critter Carrier (breeder $15 vs adopted $15)
  + Exercise wheel/ball (breeder $20 vs adopted $20)
  + Food and Containers (breeder $10 vs adopted $10)
  + Sitter/Boarding (breeder $10 vs adopted $10)
  + Toys/Enrichment including teeth chews (breeder $7 vs adopted $7)
  + Nail clippers (breeder $4 vs adopted $4)
  + Love (FREE)
  + Long Term Home: 1-4 years
  + Bedding (breeder $16 vs adopted $15)
  + Stain/Odor Remover (breeder $14 vs adopted $14)
  + Emergency Bills (breeder $100 vs adopted $100)
* **TOTAL COST: Breeder $266 vs Adopted $240**

**Bearded Dragon:**

Materials:

* 3 $100 bills (3 breeder or 3 adopted)
* 3 $50 bills (3 breeder or 2 adopted)
* 4 $20 bills (3 breeder or 4 adopted)
* 3 $10 bills (3 breeder or 3 adopted)
* 5 $5 bills (5 breeder or 4 adopted)
* 7 $1 bills (7 breeder or 7 adopted)
* Cards:
  + Breeder $75 vs Adopted $40
  + Aquarium with heating elements (breeder $250 vs adopted $250)
  + Critter Carrier (breeder $17 vs adopted $17)
  + Food and Containers with live mealworms (breeder $25 vs adopted $25)
  + Sitter/Boarding (breeder $10 vs adopted $10)
  + Enrichment/cage supplies (breeder $28 vs adopted $28)
  + Nail clippers (breeder $7 vs adopted $7)
  + Love (FREE)
  + Long Term Home (10-15 years)
  + Stain/Odor Remover (breeder $10 vs adopted $10)
  + Emergency Bills (breeder $150 vs adopted $150)
* **TOTAL COST: Breeder $572 vs Adopted $537**

**Life Care Cost Game Directions:**

* Have students work either individually or in small groups
* Determine which of the 12 pets each group or person will be the “new pet owner of”
* Have them guess how much it would cost to own this pet and write this number down on a scratch piece of paper
* Provide them the amount of money in that animal’s packet
* Next hand them the photo of the animal
* Have each group determine if they are adopting the animal from NHS or going through a breeder
  + Discuss pros and cons
* Tell each group how much that animal costs depending on whether it was from the breeder or NHS based on the animals cost sheet
  + The group/person must pay for the item using the money they have or write a check for the largest cost items
  + Provide them the card (breeder or NHS) depending on what they picked
  + Utilize money from the bank for change
* Ask the group/individual to determine what items a responsible pet owner of that specific pet will need
* Once the group names something on the list, let them know how much that item costs
  + The group/person must pay for the item using the money they have or write a check for the largest cost items
  + Provide them the card of the item
  + Utilize money from the bank for change
* Once all items for their pet are purchased or discussed (life expectancy included) discuss the total cost to care for their pet at the top of the animal cost sheet. Discuss how far off/close their guesstimate was. Remind groups that some of the items are only a monthly cost in the game.