

THE MOST EXPENSIVE COLLAR YOU EVER BOUGHT?

Why of course,that very first show collar!

How it all began:

In the Beginning....

You got your dog, a real show dog, and quickly realized that you needed the correct collar to show him on.

Which in turn led you to that wonderful buttery smooth three foot leather lead.

At your very first show, you noticed that you just HAD to have the proper grooming supplies also.

Slicker Brush \$9.00

Comb \$10.00

Spray Bottle \$4.00

Good Conditioner \$15.00

Water Bottle \$4.00

Pin Brush \$15.00

Bait \$10.00

NEW Collar (your dog has now out grown that first one) \$14.00

Chalk \$9.00

Chalk Brush \$15.00

Cholesterol \$10.00

YOUR FIRST POINT. ****YOU'RE HOOKED*****

Bait \$10.00

Dog show calendar \$12.00 - don't wanna miss ANY shows now

By now you're beginning to realize the back seat isn't a proper way to transport your dog.

Dog Crate for the car \$80.00

At your very next show you begin to feel a bit more confident and relaxed at dog shows.

Borrowing and waiting to use your friends grooming table is so inconvenient.

Grooming Table \$95.00

Grooming Arm \$50.00

Bait \$10.00

You begin to start collecting dog show things, old towels, skirts with pockets, dresses with pockets,

Good comfortable shoes, rain gear, umbrellas, water jugs, etc \$100.00

Too many grooming supplies?

Tack Box for supplies \$50.00

Good comfortable Camp Chairs \$35.00 - we seem to be spending much more time at shows lately.

Suddenly you realize all of these items AND your dog won't fit in the family car anymore.

Used Mini Van \$15,000.

Somewhere around this point you get tired of waiting to use your friend's blow dryer.

New blow dryer \$150.00

Extension Cord for Dryer \$15.00

Five-way plug for sharing electricity with your new dog show friends \$10.00

New and improved dog show collar and lead \$40.00

New type of improved Coat Conditioner \$15.00

Bait \$10.00

Your friends favourite Shampoo and Whitener \$35.00

New Comb and Slicker brush \$25.00 (you lost the old ones at the last show)

Scissors \$30.00 (kitchen shears just don't trim those pads right)

Muddy Show Grounds. Roll-up mat for covering ground \$45.00

YOUR DOG PICKED UP HER NINTH SINGLE.

The hunt for majors begins.

After wasting much money on entries where majors didn't hold you begin to get frustrated and search out and find that new male show puppy and a perfect match for your female!

Crate for new dog \$80.00

Show collar and lead for new dog \$50.00 (your tastes have been refined now)

Handling classes for new dog \$40.00

The very first show teaches you, your Mini Van will not carry both crates and all your equipment.

Brand New Larger Mini Van \$25,000.00
Now having two dogs to show and get ready quickly teaches you a generator is required!
Generator \$325.00
Two Dog Kennels for outside \$1,000.00
Just gotta pick up one of those majors on your female
Handler for those major shows \$200.00 (+/-)
YOUR FEMALE FINISHES!
Your new male is too young to breed.
Updating & Health Clearances on Female \$200.00
Stud Fee \$1,000.00
Progesterone Testing \$200.00
Whelping box \$250.00
Vet bills-x-rays, sonograms, well mother checks \$400.00
Putting first aid whelping kit together \$300.00
Vaccines for new litter \$150.00
X-pen for puppies \$80.00
Whelping pads, fleeces, toys for puppies, weaning supplies, etc \$450.00
Baby Scale \$45.00
Well puppy and mother exams \$150.00
Spectacular puppy in litter will be new show dog.
Immediately realize Mini Van will NOT hold three dogs and show equipment
Motor Home or Full size dog show van \$30, 000 to \$100,000.00!!!!!!!!!!
You suddenly realize you are eating macaroni and cheese while your dogs are eating Human
Grade Dog food at \$55.00 a bag.
Congratulations!
You have now earned the title of "Dog Breeder!"
Aren't you glad you are finally making those big bucks breeding dogs?
So far you have invested \$75,652.00 in showing your two dogs.

This figure does NOT include dog food, the initial cost of your dogs, entry fees, motel bills, general
vet bills,
toys and Many other ownership incidentals.
Your litter of pups yielded six puppies, you kept one and sold the other five for \$500.00 each.
Congratulations you just made \$2,500.00 Breeding your dogs!

Now if you can just breed 30 or more litters you MAY just break even with your initial investment of
over \$75,000!

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