

Pet Ownership
SAVES
\$11.7
BILLION
 in health care costs.



Study commissioned by
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Pet Owners are Healthier

Fewer Visits to the Doctors Office



132.8 MILLION
 pet owners
 visit a doctor
 0.6 times less
 than the average
 non-pet owner,
 resulting in cost
 savings of

\$11.37
BILLION



Reduced Obesity



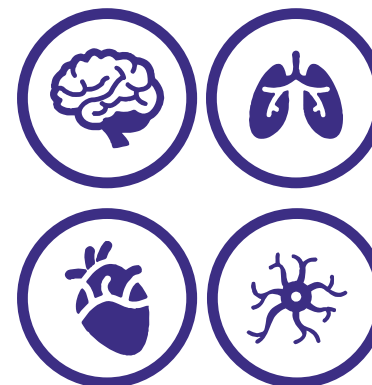
20+ MILLION
 dog owners
 who walk their
 dog five or more
 times a week show
 a lower incidence
 of obesity, resulting
 in savings of

\$418
MILLION



“This analysis is limited and conservative. As we begin to calculate and assign costs to, other health benefits, the savings to the healthcare system associated with pet ownership is likely to be even greater.”

Terry L. Clower
 PhD, George Mason University



SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

has shown a number of key health benefits associated with pet ownership including studies demonstrating a positive impact on infection control, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, cholesterol, allergies, stress, blood pressure and mental health.