

COST OF KEEPING A DONKEY

Essential equipment	Average
Wheelbarrow	50 €
Fork	25 €
Rake	15 €
Shovel	25 €
Grooming kit	30 €
Headcollar and rope	20 €
Buckets x2	25 €
Total	190 €

You also need to consider the cost of building a shelter or stable, concrete (or other type of hard standing), fencing, electric fencing, gates, water supply, lights etc. Other considerations are who will look after the donkey if you are ill or on holiday.

Donkey costs per year - Italy	Average
Annual dental check (including call out charge)	180 €
Annual faecal study (excluding call out fee)	15 €
Farrier (30 € per visit average every 8 weeks)	195 €
Flu/Tetanus - done annually (excluding call out fee)	25 €
Straw for bedding and feed	500 €
Worming (2 x a year minimum based on a 280kg donkey)	24 €
Miscellaneous i.e. Fly spray, ointment etc	100.00 €
Average cost per year per donkey	1,039 €

NB *The above costs are approximate and are based on a healthy donkey who is a good body condition. Veterinary costs shown are only for annual checks and vaccinations. Please be aware that veterinary treatment for health problems can sometimes cost a lot of money. Pet insurance is therefore advisable.*

**The number of times per year that the donkey needs to be wormed and which drug should be used, will depend on the owner/keepers land management system, other animals kept and results of a faecal count. Consultation with an equine veterinary is therefore recommended.*