

END OF LIFE PRE-PLANNING FOR YOUR PET

PET'S NAME: _____

KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR YOUR PET'S PASSING

WHERE?

- In-clinic euthanasia with my regular vet
Vet phone #: _____

Midtown Mobile Veterinary Hospice Services (MMVHS): 416-817-3572

- In-home euthanasia
 Natural death at home with vet hospice support

WHO?

Family members/friends I'd like to be present: _____

Other pets: _____

Other people (dog walker, groomer, etc.): _____

WHAT IF MY PET PASSES AT HOME?

I will contact Faithful Pet Memorial (FPM) at 416-767-3572 to arrange aquamation:

- I will bring my pet directly to FPM by appointment
 I want FPM to pick up my pet from my home or my regular vet clinic (for an additional fee)
 Or, I plan to bury my pet (Note: If your pet passes in the winter, the crematory/aquamation centre may offer storage of your pet, and be able to hold him/her until the spring for an additional fee)

AFTERCARE SERVICES

- Aquamation (FPM)**
Water based cremation

- Cremation**
Flame based cremation

- Burial**
At home vs. pet cemetery

AFTERCARE OPTIONS

- Private** - I want my pet's ashes returned to me. (Note: This typically takes 1-2 weeks.)

Further Considerations - I would like:

- a standard urn (no charge) a custom urn (extra fee) to order my own urn/I already have one
 to scatter my pet's ashes (temporary urn)
 to split ashes into multiple vessels (i.e. keepsake/regular urns) for other family members/friends
Engraving: Name, birthdate, special inscription, etc. _____

- Communal** - I do not want my pet's ashes returned to me

MEMORIAL OPTIONS

- I want a Viewing and Visitation (memorial ceremony)
 I want my pet to be cremated/aquamated with these special items nearby (i.e. treats, flowers, letters) _____

Memorial items to consider (available with A = aquamation or C = cremation):

- Clay or ink paw print (A/C): Which paw? _____ How many? _____ Basic or personalized? _____
 Ink nose print (A) Fur clipping (A/C): Which area on my pet? _____
 Whisker clipping (A) Tooth keepsake (A) Microchip (A) Surgical Steel Implants (A)
 Jewelry (with small amount of ashes inside) (A/C)
 Memorial photo sessions (A)
 Other? _____

Please See Reverse Side for More Information & Options

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WHY PRE-PLAN?

Saying goodbye to your pet can bring on many challenging decisions to be made during an already emotional time, especially if their passing is unexpected or sudden. Taking the time to plan for your pet's passing will help you avoid having to make heart wrenching decisions quickly, with guidance from an experienced and trained professional. Pre-planning will also allow you to prepare emotionally and financially for the loss of your beloved pet.

IN-HOME EUTHANASIA VS. NATURAL DEATH

Choosing in-home euthanasia for your pet allows you both to be more comfortable in their final moments. It allows you and others who love and care for your pet to be more involved, be present and say goodbye in private. It also avoids the stress and/or pain your pet may experience when being transported to a veterinary clinic, especially when your pet's mobility or your ability to move them may be a factor.

When people consider natural death in pets, they envision their pet curling up in their beds and drifting off to sleep, peacefully and painlessly. Unfortunately, this is not always what occurs. The underlying disease of the pet must be considered and consultation with a hospice veterinarian is recommended to ensure your pet is as comfortable and pain-free as possible. Using a quality of life scale such as <https://mmvhs.ca/quality-of-life-scale> will help guide you in assessing your pet's current condition.

WHAT IS AQUAMATION?

Water, temperature, and salts are used to reduce the body to bone, just as flame-based cremation would. However, 90% less energy is used during this process, with 1/10th of the carbon footprint, making it a greener alternative for pet aftercare. You will also receive up to 20% more of your pet's ashes vs. traditional cremation. To learn more about aquamation and what is offered at Faithful Pet Memorial, please visit www.faithfulpetmemorial.ca, call 416-767-3572 or email info@faithfulpetmemorial.ca

WHAT IS CREMATION?

Flame-based cremation involves placing your pet's body in a cremation chamber and subjecting it to high temperatures. The intense heat and flame reduces the body to bone, which is then processed to become ash. To learn more about cremation, please reach out to your veterinarian or our hospice care team at MMVHS.

MEMORIAL ITEMS AND KEEPSAKE OPTIONS:

Memorial items and keepsakes can be a beautiful way to commemorate (memorialize) your beloved pet. Please see chart on reverse for options available through aquamation (A) or cremation (C).

BURIAL & ASH SCATTERING CONSIDERATIONS:

- Is it legal to bury my pet in my backyard/at my cottage? Please check your local by-laws.
- Would I prefer burial at a pet cemetery? Check with your vet for a list of available locations.
- Do I want to scatter my pet's ashes? Options include: provincial parks, conservation reserves, and the Great Lakes. Please contact your local municipality for further details.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- What is the approximate cost of euthanasia in-home \$ _____? In-clinic \$ _____?
- Does this include aftercare? Y / N
- Do I have insurance for my pet? Y / N
 - If so, what portion of the above end-of-life services does it cover? _____
 - If end-of-life services are covered, I will have the vet complete the form, submit the claim for euthanasia/aftercare, then cancel the policy.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND SUPPORT:

- Do I need any additional resources to help me prepare for the loss of my pet?
 - Discussing pet loss with children
 - Managing grief in another companion animal
 - Managing anticipatory grief (as I get closer to the passing of my pet)
 - Grief counseling and/or pet loss grief social worker and/or pet loss support group

If you have any further questions or we can help in any way, we would be honoured to guide you through your pet's end-of-life journey.