



Pathway Veterinary Services

End of Life Planning for Your Pet

A Gentle Guide for Honoring Their Journey

At Pathway Veterinary Services, we know how deeply you love your pet. Saying goodbye is one of the hardest parts of the bond you share, and planning ahead can help create a farewell that reflects the joy and love of the life they lived.

This guide is designed to give you choices, spark ideas, and provide space to write down your wishes. You may do all of these things, or simply the ones that bring you peace.

Bucket List Memories

Think about experiences your pet would love. These can be simple or grand.

Examples:

- A last cheeseburger from McDonald's drive-through
 - A cozy photo session at home
 - A day at their favorite park
 - A week of special 'yes' moments—favorite snacks, cuddles, or visits
 - **My Pet's Bucket List:**
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Celebration of Life

Would you like friends and family to celebrate your pet's life with you? This can be a quiet, peaceful time or a joyful celebration.

I would like my pet's Celebration of Life to be:

- ☐ Quiet and low key
- ☐ Celebration with friends/family
- ☐ Other: _____

Planning for The Day

Thinking ahead about the details can ease stress on the day.

Where will the euthanasia occur?

- ☐ At your regular veterinarian's office
- ☐ At home with Pathway Veterinary Services (325-268-5588)

Who would you like to be present?

- Family members: _____
- Friends: _____
- Other pets: _____
- Others (pet sitter, groomer, etc.): _____

What would make this day memorable?

- Music: _____
- Special reading/poem: _____
- Favorite bed or toy: _____
- Letters written to your pet: _____
- Sharing their story aloud: _____

Aftercare Options

Cremation:

- ☐ Private (ashes returned)
 - Urn from crematory: _____
 - Urn purchased separately: _____
 - Ashes in a scatter bag so you can spread their ashes at their favorite place or have the ashes available for memorial items.
- ☐ Communal (ashes not returned)

Burial at Home – Check area restrictions. Be mindful that the euthanasia solution can affect wildlife or water sources.

Memorial Options

Consider ways to remember and honor your beloved pet. These are a few examples of options available:

- Clay or ink paw print
- Ink nose print
- Fur clipping
- Jewelry containing ashes or fur
- Art with ashes (EverAfterArt.com)
- Living memorial tree (LivingUrn.com)
- Stuffed likeness (CuddleClones.com)
- Photo or memory collage
- Hand-painted portrait

Memorials I Would Like:


If Your Pet Passes at Home

Please make a plan for this possibility:

- Pre-purchase a EuthaBag from your veterinarian to have a shroud to place your pet in.
 - Keep your pet in a cool, dry location.
 - Place absorbent material (towels, pee pads, or sheets) underneath.
 - Place your pet in the shroud or wrap them in a sheet or blanket for transport or burial.
 - During weekday daytime hours, bring them to your veterinarian for cremation.
 - During evenings/weekends, contact the Emergency Clinic at 909 Industrial Blvd, Abilene, TX (325-691-1504) for cremation.
 - If choosing burial, check local laws and environmental concerns.
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A Loving Farewell

We want the passing of your pet to be as meaningful as the life they shared with you. Use this planner as a way to honor their memory and prepare with love.

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