

A photograph of a woman with long blonde hair, wearing a light-colored sweater, kissing a black and tan dog on the cheek. The dog is lying down in a grassy field. The image is slightly faded to allow text to be overlaid.

End of Life Care

When It's Time to Say Good-bye

Making the decision to say good-bye to your pet is one of the hardest things you will ever have to do. We look at life from a human perspective and want them to stay with us as long as possible. However, if your pet is suffering or enduring a poor quality of life, saying good-bye can be the kindest decision you make. Sometimes, when all medical efforts have been exhausted, euthanasia is the only way to help an animal find peace.

When it's time to let go, our caring staff of compassionate professionals can help you through this difficult experience. Our end-of-life euthanasia services are humane and are performed with compassion, respect and gentle care. As pet owners ourselves, we understand that pets are part of the family, and they deserve to pass with dignity.

To give your pet the most comfort during their final moments, we also offer house calls to conduct this service. Additionally, we can assist with cremation options, including decorative urns and cedar boxes.

Please call us at (425) 336-4861 when it's time to discuss how we can help.

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**Until one has
loved an animal,
a part of one's
soul remains
unawakened.**



After They're Gone

Whether it was sudden or anticipated, the loss of a pet is a highly emotional time. When your pet is gone, it's important to remember all the good times and all the joy you brought into each other's lives. Take care of yourself during this sad time and remember that grief is a normal response to loss.

Your Quiet Home

The silence in your home after the death of a pet will be excruciatingly loud. It is common to replay the last moments of your pet's life in your mind or see your pet in your dreams. You may think you see them out of the corner of your eye or hear them in the next room. This is all common and part of the grieving process.

The relationship you shared with your pet was special. If people tell you that you should not be grieving for the loss of an animal, remember grief is normal and the relationship you shared needs to be mourned. There will be ups and downs in the process of grieving, so don't be surprised if you start to feel better, and then feel as if a wave has hit you.

You will always love this very special member of your family, and over time, the feelings of sadness will become less difficult. Eventually, you'll even talk about your pet and smile at the happy memories you have.

Check to see if there are pet loss support groups in your area if talking about your pet helps. Consider speaking to your doctor or a mental health professional if you continue to feel bad for more than a year after your beloved pet's passing.

Honor Your Pet's Memory

Sometimes it feels better to do something to honor your pet's memory. Here are a few ideas:

- **Make a donation to an animal sanctuary or shelter in your pet's honor.**
- **Plant rosemary in your garden for remembrance or create a separate memorial garden.**
- **Put a light or hang windchimes outdoors so your pet can find his way home.**
- **Repurpose collars into key chains or glue one around a flowerpot; use food bowls as planters so you'll think of your pet every time you use them.**
- **Have your favorite photo printed and enlarged or find an artist who can use it to make a painting of your pet.**
- **Hang a light or windchimes outside to honor your pet's memory**