

# **Preparing for Your Pet's Euthanasia Appointment**

*A guide for compassionate preparation at Fox Memorial Clinic.*

## **What to Expect**

Your appointment will take place in a quiet, private room at Fox Memorial Clinic. We want to create a peaceful environment where you can say goodbye to your beloved pet with love and dignity.

## **Who Can Come With You**

You are welcome to bring close family or friends for support. Children may attend if you feel it's appropriate. Please let us know in advance how many people will be present so we can accommodate everyone comfortably.

## **Before the Appointment**

You may want to create special moments with your pet at home or in a place they love. Some ideas include:

- Spending quiet time together doing their favorite things
- Taking them to a favorite park or sunny spot
- Offering a special treat or favorite meal (if they are still interested)
- Bringing a meaningful item to the appointment, like a favorite blanket or toy
- Writing a letter, making a memory box, or taking a final photo

These small acts of love can provide comfort for both you and your pet and help you feel more prepared.

## **During the Appointment**

Our veterinary team will walk you through the process and answer any questions. A staff member will complete paperwork and collect payment beforehand so you can leave quietly when you're ready.

When you feel ready to proceed, your pet will receive a sedative to help them relax peacefully. The final injection will follow once they are fully at ease. The process is gentle and typically takes only a few minutes, but we will move at your pace, there is no rush.

## **Aftercare Options**

- Private cremation (ashes returned in an urn)
- Communal cremation (no ashes returned)
- Take your pet's remains home for burial (please discuss with us in advance)
- Ink paw print keepsake (included at no charge)
- Clay paw print keepsake (optional let us know if you'd like one)

If you're unsure about anything, please call us. We are here to help you plan in a way that honors your pet and gives you peace of mind.

## **Emotional Support**

Grief is a natural part of saying goodbye. You may feel sadness, guilt, or even relief. All these emotions are valid. We can provide information on local pet loss support groups or online resources if needed.

## **Contact Us**

If you have any questions or would like to talk with our team about your upcoming appointment, please enter them in the box below. You may also text us at 860-544-5602. We're here to support you through every step of this difficult time.