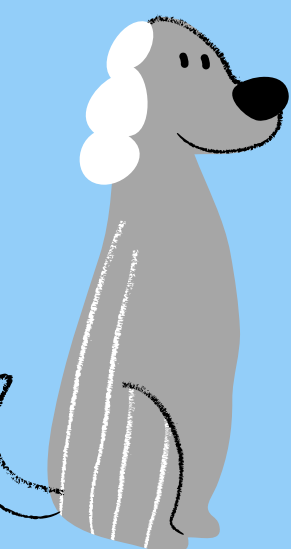


How will I know its time?

Euthanizing your pet is a big decision that can come with feelings of sadness, guilt, and even confusion. It is never an easy decision to make, but coming to peace with your decision and making this the best experience for you and your pet is important. Euthanasia and peaceful passing is truly a gift we can give to our best friends.

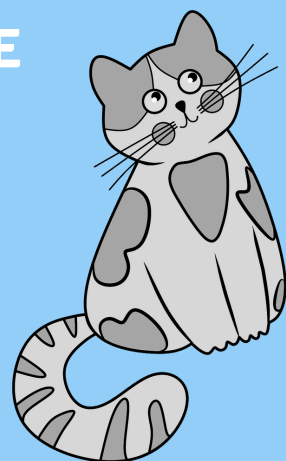


1 TALK TO YOUR VET

Your vet is a great place to start if you have questions about your pets condition or quality of life. Ultimately the decision is yours so being prepared is important.

2 EVALUATING QUALITY OF LIFE

In simplest terms, when the bad days start to outweigh the good days, its time to consider euthanasia. Tools like a Quality of Life scale can help to better assess the status of your pet over multiple categories. You may also consider keeping a journal to document your pets day and reflecting on whether its a good or bad day. These tools can help you make a more informed decision.



3 PAIN VS. SUFFERING

Pain, while unpleasant, serves a purpose in medicine and helps us know what's wrong. When pain gets to the point of being unmanageable and causing anguish, we enter the realm of suffering. We want to make the decision for our pets before they get to the point of suffering.



4 BEING PREPARED

Being prepared for the day can ease some of the stress surrounding euthanasia. Do you want to do it at home or with your family vet? Who would you like to be there? Do you have a memory or prayer you'd like to say before they pass? Do you want a pawprint or hair clipping? Do you have a last meal or special treat you'd like to give them? Planning a beautiful last day can really help with the guilt and sadness and help to focus on the the beauty of a peaceful passing.



Remember:

Euthanasia is a selfless decision for your best friend. A week to soon is better than a minute too late.

