

# *In Home Euthanasia*

Making the decision to euthanize your beloved pet is extremely difficult. We all want our pets to live forever but also recognize that we have the gift and responsibility to prevent their suffering and provide a humane and painless death.

When your pet is suffering, euthanasia is a gift. But how do you know when the right time to say goodbye is? If you do it too soon, you may miss valuable time together. If you do it too late, you may put your pet through unnecessary suffering.

We know that quality of life is more important than quantity. Evaluating your pet's quality of life in an honest way will help guide your decision and be their voice. If you are interested in hospice care or quality of life assessment, we can help.

If you have decided that it is time, we offer mobile euthanasia services and can transport your pet's body to a cremation facility. We know that this is a very emotional time and will do our best to accommodate any request.

If you have more questions, please feel free to contact us to discuss you and your pet's individual situation.



## **Pet Grief Counseling**

Leigh Ann Gerck, M.A.,  
L.P.C.

Individual counseling  
for adults and children  
(via phone or Zoom).  
(970) 966-4585

[www.mourningtolightpetloss.com](http://www.mourningtolightpetloss.com)

Beth Gustin, M.A.,  
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Provides individual  
therapy and has a  
specialized focus on pet  
loss, grief and  
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anxiety, and depression.  
(303) 335-9059

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# Ways to Remember



## PRECIOUS METAL PRINTS

While a photograph might bend or lose clarity as time takes its toll, a Precious Metal Print can maintain its unique impression for centuries. 2Tails Team can create an impression to immortalize your pet.

Gold or silver available, prices start at \$70. Just let us know you'd like to order.

## PASSAGES PET CREMATION & GRIEF CENTER

Passages is centered on professional and compassionate aftercare for all pets and provides sympathetic end-of-life support for grieving pet owners.

They offer several options for cremation, along with condolence gifts and urns.

907.745.7574



The memorial stone at the Forget-Me-Not garden



Decorative urns for purchase



Keepsakes available

# Children & Grief Resources

Children's Understanding of Grief

Helping Children with pet loss

*Additional Resources*

[www.2tailsvet.com/euthanasia-and-pet-loss](http://www.2tailsvet.com/euthanasia-and-pet-loss)



## What to expect

Euthanasia solution is an overdose of an anesthetic, that is given intravenously (into a vein) or into a vascular organ. While the drug itself does not cause pain, we know that animals can be very stressed by having strangers handle their limbs and attempting to access a vein. Because of this, we initially sedate with an injection that goes underneath the skin. This first injection can sting a little bit and some animals may find it irritating, but it is usually only for a short period of time, then they become quite sleepy and usually unconscious. Once they no longer care about what is happening around them, Dr Julie works on getting vein access. Sometimes with very sick or dehydrated animals getting vein access can be quite difficult particularly once they are sedated, however at that point it is only difficult for us and not for our patient. We always ask our clients for their patience and understanding when this occurs, sometimes we have to try multiple veins, but- our critters don't feel a thing.

If you know that your pet is likely to be stressed by the presence of a veterinarian in his home, we would suggest you contact your general practice veterinarian and ask them if they may be able to prescribe some medications to be given prior to our appointment to reduce stress. The medications that we find helpful to reduce stress and promote relaxation are:

- Gabapentin
- Trazodone

Lastly, just as every pet is different, the way that every patient responds to medications can be different. We are very careful and intentional in the medications that we use to provide a peaceful and pain-free euthanasia, however not every animal "reads the book" so to speak. Throughout the entire appointment we will be paying very close attention to your pet so that if any unusual responses occur, we can address them promptly. Similarly, if you know that your animal is prone to aggression, nervousness, other behavioral or neurological conditions (such as seizures), then please let us know ahead of time so we can plan accordingly.

We generally plan for about 45 minutes for the appointment. We can provide optional transport of your pet's body to a cremation facility.

# *What will it cost?*

Cost varies depending on your location and the size of your pet. After hours fee applies to weekends, holidays and after 3pm (as available). These prices do not include cremation.

Examples:

XLarge pet in Wasilla with transportation \$610

Large pet in Anchorage during after hours, no transport \$550

Medium pet in South Anchorage with transportation \$585

Small pet in Palmer with transportation \$485

XSmall pet in Eagle River, no transport \$390



***TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT OR TO  
RECIEVE MORE INFOMRATION***

**907.521.4292 (TEXT only)**

**[2tailsvet@gmail.com](mailto:2tailsvet@gmail.com)**

Please include:

Your name, address, contact number, your pet's name, age, breed, sex, weight and a bit about what's going on.