



## Guide to Planning Ahead

Faithful Companions offers you the opportunity to plan ahead for your pet's final body care. The grief and stress can be so overwhelming when the death occurs; it can leave one feeling too confused and emotional to make any final decisions. By pre-arranging your pet's aftercare services, you are protecting your family from making difficult choices at an emotional time. Pre-arranging also gives you time to weigh all of your options and come to a decision that is right for you and your pet, helping to prevent later regrets about choices made while under emotional duress. When you pre-arrange for your pet's care, you are able to pre-pay on services selected, locking in today's prices for services that may not be needed for several years.

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### **Final Arrangements**

- The final arrangement wishes for my pet's body is;
  - Burial                       Cremation
- If Burial, where?
  - Local Pet Cemetery (Memory Gardens)     Other

#### Things to consider if burying

- Will you always live in this area or have access to this burial ground?
- Do your religious preferences guide you in one way or another?
- Did your pet like the outside or the inside?

• For burial, will you want a casket to protect the pet's body?

Yes       No

• If cremation, will you want the cremated remains returned to you?

Yes       No

\* If the answer is no, you can ask your pet death care provider for a "Communal Cremation" which is when your pet is cremated with other cherished pets and no remains are returned to the family. The cremated remains of the pets are interred on Faithful Companions property, allowing families a place to visit if they wish.

•For Cremation, is it important to you to have your pet cremated alone in the crematory?

Yes       No

\*If the answer is yes, Faithful Companions specializes in "Private Cremation" where your pet is cremated individually, without any other pets, allowing you to keep the cremated remains of your pet. Your pet, and your pet alone, is the only pet cremated at that time. If you wish, we can schedule the time of cremation so you may be present at the beginning of the process. Families are welcome to leave a special toy, blanket or photo to be cremated with their pet.

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Every pet entrusted to Faithful Companions receives an identification number. A tag with this number accompanies your pet throughout our facility and is given to you with the cremated remains. All paperwork for your pet will have the matching identification number.

\* When possible, the staff at Faithful Companions will collect a hair clipping from your pet and take ink paw prints which are all returned to the family, regardless of burial, communal, or private cremation.

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## Service Options

Many families want to have one last time to visit their pet after the death has occurred. While this may seem like a trivial thing – or possibly something that you consider uncommon or odd, this one last time with your pet is valuable time spent, a time to see your pet at peace, a time to begin the grief journey and to say that final good-bye. Pets touch so many people during their short lives with us. Allow those around you the opportunity to come together, to pay their respects, and support each other.

•My family and I will want a Final Good-Bye with our pet:

Yes       No

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## Owner Information and Authorization

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pet's Parents/Owners \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Pet Hospital/ Vet \_\_\_\_\_

Any special requests \_\_\_\_\_

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## Authorization

I authorize and request Faithful Companions to handle, bury, or cremate my pet in accordance with my instructions as set forth herein. I release and will indemnify and hold Faithful Companions harmless, together with its successors, officers, shareholders, directors, affiliates, agents, employees and assigns from any and all liability and claims arising from and related to the handling, burial and cremation described herein.

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Authorized by Owner

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Faithful Companions  
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