

Is it Time?

The single most difficult decision a pet owner has to make is whether or not it is time to euthanize a pet. It is so hard to think about, but sometimes the only compassionate decision is to ease suffering through euthanasia.

You may want to consider the following questions:

- Is your pet in constant pain?
- Can your pet control his/her urine or stool output?
- Can your pet move when he/she chooses to do so?
- Is your pet eating & drinking on his/her own?
- Is your pet still enjoying daily activities?
- Does your pet still recognize you?
- Do the bad days outnumber the good days?

Who Decides?

You. The decision to euthanize is always yours to make. If you are unsure whether it is right for your pet, you may want to discuss your feelings with your veterinarian. They will talk to you about the progression of your pet's disease or condition and offer you important information about your pet's quality of life.

It is never easy for any of us to accept death, but euthanasia can end up being the most unselfish act of love we can offer a pet. Your veterinary health care team will do whatever we can to help you at this very difficult time.

Preparations

The compassionate and professional team at Florida Animal Care will be here for you when you want to discuss your choices. The FAC team will explain the process of a euthanasia. We understand that each family has their own unique set of wishes when it comes to saying goodbye and memorializing their pet. We will respect your wishes and will try to make the process a memory that you will cherish.

We can assure you and your family that your beloved pet will receive the respect and quality of care that he/she deserves. We believe that families, in time of sorrow, desire personal attention, comfort and absolute assurance that every detail will be carried out perfectly and gracefully.

A Gentle Process

Our staff will guide you through the whole process of euthanasia. You will be escorted to the comfort room to discuss your wishes. Your pet will be prepped with an IV, which allows you to hold and cuddle your pet through the entire procedure.

This is a very private setting; only your family and doctor are in the room. Your doctor will walk you through the steps of the euthanasia so that there are no surprises. You can spend as much time as you need in the comfort room, both before and after the procedure.

Grieving

The truth is there's not much we can say to make you feel better after losing a pet. But we will always be here to listen to your feelings and to offer you our support. We provide grief counseling to help you heal.

Grief is our natural way of coping with loss. But it can leave us feeling sad, angry, guilty and alone. And while we believe it's important to fully grieve the loss of your wonderful companion, please know that giving your pet a full, happy life by your side was truly the best and most special gift they could ever get.

Have more questions?

Speak to a friendly team member today about saying goodbye (941) 637-6006.