

Towcester Vets - Losing a beloved pet

Owning a pet is an amazing experience filled with love, laughter and companionship. When the time comes to say goodbye, we endeavour to make the process as stress free and peaceful as possible. To discuss euthanasia with one of our vets, please contact the reception team on **01327 350239**

What to expect?

When visiting your chosen clinic our team will endeavour to book your appointment during our quieter periods. You will be offered the option to sit in a room away from the waiting area. However, if you feel that your pet would be more comfortable in their own environment a home visit can be arranged.

Some pets can be anxious when attending a vet appointment and may become unsettled. Sedation is available for all patients. Euthanasia is performed using an injectable drug which allows your pet to slip away painlessly and peacefully. Owners are more than welcome to remain in the room during the procedure, or may prefer to leave the room.

What happens to my pet afterwards?

If your pet passes away at home and you would like to arrange collection for individual cremation, contact our reception team who can organise this for you. You can also bring your pet to the surgery and our team will make the necessary arrangements. We routinely use Lawnhill Crematorium, who provide a respectful and dignified service to owners. They offer an individual cremation service with ashes being returned for you to keep. Should you wish to do so your pet can be cremated with their favourite toy or bed. Information on the cost of Individual Cremation and further options are available from our reception team.

Alternatively, you may wish to take your pet home for burial, this is also perfectly acceptable. Some owners like to keep a copy of their pet's paw print, a clipping of fur and their collar. We are happy to organise this.

Support available

We are here to offer support at this difficult time. Our staff are eager to help no matter what the situation. We are now able to offer Pet Bereavement Support via a trained member of staff. If you feel that you would like to talk to someone about your loss, then please ask a member of the reception team to make the necessary arrangements.

Useful links

www.livingwithpetbereavement.com

www.petfuneralservices.co.uk

www.pbsnltd@outlook.com

www.pbssmail@bluecross.org.uk

www.theralphsite.com

www.samaritans.org

The Blue Cross 0800 096 6606

There are so many ways to remember your pet. Here are some suggestions:

Post a Memorial on the Blue Cross Website

Hold a funeral/memorial

Plant a tree/shrub/seeds

Make a collage

Write a poem/anecdote/story/song

Put together a journal

Purchase a gift to a school/library in your pets memory

Save some fur/take a paw print

Sponsor an animal in their memory

Make a memory box