

# MY PET JUST DIED WHAT DO I DO?

A Step-by-Step Guide When Your Pet Dies At Home

### IS YOUR PET BREATHING?



- Many times pets prior to death will have shallow breathing with long pauses between breaths.
- If this is the case, do not move your pet, and let then transition on their own.
- Please keep the area calm and quiet for their final moments.

#### AFTER YOUR PET HAS DIED

- If there are other pets in the home, allow them to investigate.
- This let's them know death has occurred.
- Pets also grieve, this will help them through their grief journey.
- It's okay to take as much time as you need.



#### SECURE AND SWADDLE



- Its common for a pet's bowels to release after death occurs.
- This typically happens when trying to move them.
- Prior to moving place a piddle pad or plastic underneath the the pet or it's hind quarters.
- Place a blanket or towel underneath the plastic.
- To the best of your ability bring their legs close to the body and swaddle them like a baby.

## CONTAIN, STORE, TRANSPORT

 When possible place swaddled pet in some type of basket or box.

 Move the contained pet into a cooler location of the home, preferably up off the floor. (Ex: laundry room or garage)











 Contact a pet cremation provider to arrange for for your pet's final care.