



Gentle Goodbyes, At Home

*When it's time to say goodbye, lay down your weary head and rest, my friend. **We're here for you.***

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Why Choose At-Home Pet Euthanasia?

Saying goodbye to a cherished pet is never easy. I understand that your pet is more than a companion—they are family. I believe these final moments should be filled with love, peace, and dignity, in the place your pet feels safest: their own home.

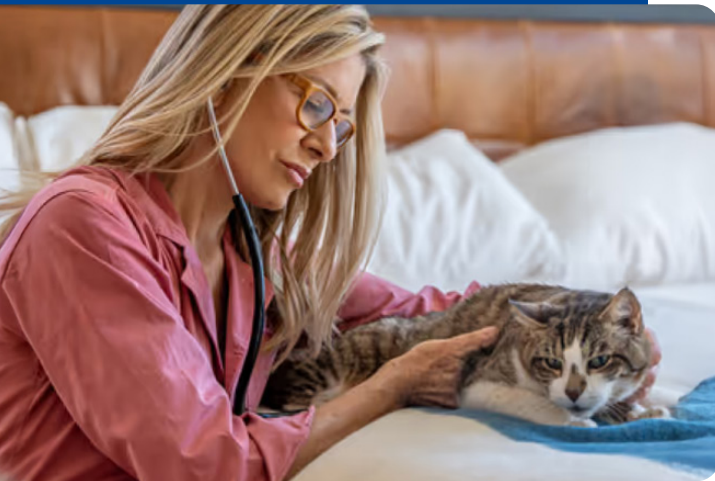
Here's why so many families find comfort in choosing at-home euthanasia:

- **Familiar Comfort.** Your beloved pet stays where they feel most secure—in their favorite bed, the cozy couch, or a sunlit spot by the window.
- **A Calm, Stress-Free Experience.** No unsettling car rides, cold exam tables, or busy waiting rooms. Instead, your pet experiences peace in a quiet, loving environment.
- **Time to Say Goodbye.** There's no rush or pressure. You can hold them close, stroke their fur, and honor the unique bond you share.
- **Together in Love.** You and your family gather in a circle of warmth and support, creating a sacred space filled with memories, tears, and tenderness.

Schedule a compassionate consultation today.

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About Pet Requiem and Dr. Wendy McCulloch, DVM



Since 2009, I have been honored to support families as they say goodbye to their pets peacefully, in the comfort of their own homes. With over 20 years of veterinary experience, I combine medical expertise with a compassionate approach, providing care that honors the unique bond you share with your pet.

I understand the emotional complexities of saying goodbye and take the time to ensure you feel supported, heard, and comforted throughout the entire process. Whether guiding you through difficult decisions, providing gentle reassurance during your appointment, or recommending ongoing grief support afterward, my hands-on approach supports both your family and your pet.

Service Area

I proudly serve New York City, including all of Manhattan, and parts of Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx. Please visit the [Pet Requiem website](http://www.petrequiem.com) for details on service areas.

Deciding It's Time

Knowing when it's time to say goodbye is one of the hardest decisions you'll face. To help guide you, review the [Quality-of-Life Scale](#) (see at the end of the brochure) designed for cats and dogs. This thoughtful tool helps pet parents assess comfort, pain levels, and overall quality of life.

If you feel unsure, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am here to listen, answer your questions, and support you with compassion every step of the way.

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Pet Insurance & End-of-Life Support

Saying goodbye to a cherished companion can be overwhelming both emotionally and financially. Many pet insurance plans offer support by helping cover euthanasia, cremation, or memorial expenses. Payment is usually made at the time of service, and you may submit a claim afterward for reimbursement. Coverage varies, so check with your insurer ahead of time.

Please let me know in advance if you have pet insurance and will need a claim form. I will provide all necessary paperwork and documentation, so you can focus on honoring your pet and the bond you shared.

Examples of providers that may offer coverage include:

- Lemonade
- Trupanion
- Healthy Paws
- Embrace
- Pets Best
- MetLife

Keep in mind:

- Pre-existing conditions may not be covered
- Waiting periods may apply
- Aftercare costs may require extra coverage

Ensure your pet's final moments are peaceful and supported. Contact your pet insurance provider to see if your policy covers end-of-life care.

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Transparent, Compassionate Pricing

I know that during a time of loss, the last thing you want to think about is cost. That's why I offer clear, upfront pricing, so there are no surprises, and you can focus fully on being present with your pet.

My fees reflect the compassion, expertise, and gentle care involved in providing a peaceful, dignified farewell in the comfort of your home. Every appointment is handled with respect for your pet and the bond you share. There are several options to consider:

- In-home euthanasia without aftercare – starting at \$675
- In-home euthanasia with communal cremation (no ashes returned) – starting at \$775
- In-home euthanasia with private cremation, return of ashes, plus pawprint – starting at \$875
- Private aquamation – starting at \$1,050

Payment is required in advance to confirm your appointment. I accept cash, credit cards, and Zelle. If you have pet insurance, reimbursement may be available. Contact your pet insurance plan for details.

*There is a \$125 fee for after-hours and weekend services. Travel fees may apply to services outside of the borough or to certain areas. Call for more details.

What to Expect During Your Appointment

I understand how important these final moments are for you and your beloved pet. Every step is handled with respect to ensure a peaceful and dignified farewell.

Arrival & Consultation

I arrive at your home at the scheduled time and take a quiet moment to connect with you and your beloved pet. I listen carefully to your wishes, answer any questions you may have, and provide guidance to ensure you feel supported and are informed.

Gentle Sedation

I administer an injectable sedation to ease your pet into a restful, pain-free sleep.

Peaceful Passing

Once your pet is deeply asleep, I administer a second injection that stops your pet's breathing and heart, allowing for a painless transition. Surrounded by family and the quiet comfort of home, your pet is given the dignity and peace they deserve in their final moments.

"It's hard to express just how deeply meaningful Dr. McCulloch's care is until you need it yourself. She understands your pain and treats you and your pet with gentle kindness every step of the way. You will be in wonderful hands."

— Jake St. John

"Dr. McCulloch is truly an angel. She showed incredible kindness and compassion, not just to our pet but to our entire family during such a difficult time."

— Leslie Dale

"Dr. McCulloch is the best. Compassionate, prompt, and deeply understanding. Having this service at home was a true blessing for us. Thank you, Dr. Wendy."

— Jen Gatien

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Aftercare & Grief Support

My commitment is to support you and your family throughout the entire process.

Aftercare Options

In partnership with [Pet Meadow](#), we offer personalized aftercare choices:

- **Private Cremation** — Each pet is cremated individually; ashes returned in a beautiful memorial chest or urn, usually within 7-10 business days.
- **Communal Cremation** — Your pet is honored with respect; ashes are not returned
- **Aquamation** — An eco-friendly, gentle water-based alternative to cremation
- **Burial Services** — Options include caskets and granite markers in a maintained pet cemetery.

You Are Not Alone: Resources For Healing

Losing a pet leaves a hole in your heart. Visit my [grief support blog](#) for guidance and community resources. Every paw print your pet left behind is a reminder of the joy and unconditional love you experienced together. While saying goodbye is never easy, you can honor their memory by cherishing the happy moments and sharing their story. Visit our blog for comforting articles, inspiring memorial ideas, and support from others who understand this special bond. Together, we can celebrate a life well-loved.



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Your Questions Answered

Q: How long will the appointment take?

A: Appointments typically last 30–60 minutes, depending on your pet and your needs for private goodbyes.

Q: Can other pets or children be present?

A: Yes, if safe and appropriate. I can guide you on introducing other pets and preparing children.

Q: Can I schedule a same-day or urgent appointment?

A: I make every attempt to be available outside of business hours, weekends and holidays. Please call to make arrangements.

This Quality-of-Life Scale is a gentle tool to help you reflect on your pet’s comfort, daily experience, and overall well-being during illness, aging, or end-of-life care. It is not meant to replace veterinary advice, but to be used in **partnership with your veterinarian and the Pet Requiem care team** to notice changes over time and support thoughtful, loving decisions.

How to Use This Guide

- **Score each category below from 0–10 (0 = very poor, 10 = excellent).**
- Think about your pet’s **typical day**, not a single moment.
- Revisit this guide regularly and share your observations with your veterinarian

Looking at the Whole Picture

Quality of life is about how your pet feels day to day – not just what can be treated. This scale helps you notice patterns over time, especially changes in comfort, engagement, and overall well-being.

Quality of Life Categories	Score 0–10
Hurt – Is pain well-managed? Is breathing calm and comfortable?	
Hunger – Is your pet eating enough? Do they show interest in food or treats?	
Hydration – Is your pet drinking adequately? Are there signs of dehydration?	
Hygiene – Is your pet clean, dry, and able to rest comfortably with dignity?	
Happiness – Does your pet still experience moments of joy, comfort, or connection?	
Mobility – Can your pet move comfortably, with or without assistance?	
More Good Days Than Bad – Overall, are good days still outweighing difficult ones?	
TOTAL: Add all scores together.	

See page 2 to understand this score.

Understanding Pain & Discomfort – Pain can be physical or emotional, and both affect quality of life.

Noticing Decline Over Time – Pay attention to patterns, not isolated moments. A shift toward more difficult days, marked by pain, stress, or exhaustion, often signals the need for a deeper conversation.

Assessing Emotional Well-Being – Happiness may show up in small ways – calm rest, eye contact, gentle affection, or enjoying your presence. When these moments become rare or disappear, it may indicate a declining quality of life.

Good Days and Bad Days in NCY – Good days might include cozy radiator naps or peaceful sidewalk strolls. Bad days can mean pain, refusing walks, or being overwhelmed by stairs, weather, or city noise.

Understanding the Score

A total score **above 35** may suggest an acceptable quality of life **when comfort needs are being met**. A declining score, or a shift toward more difficult days than good, may signal that it's time for a deeper conversation with your veterinarian.

For added clarity, many families find it helpful to consider scores within three gentle ranges:

- **High Scores (60–70):** Pets in this range are generally comfortable and engaged, with more good days than bad.
- **Moderate Scores (40–59):** Pets in this range may be experiencing early decline. Monitoring trends and discussing comfort-focused care can help maintain dignity and well-being.
- **Low Scores (0–39):** Pets in this range may be experiencing persistent discomfort or distress, with difficult days outweighing good ones. This is often when a compassionate end-of-life discussion becomes appropriate.

Ask yourself: Is care helping your pet feel better, or only extending time? When medications, side effects, or frequent interventions create stress without restoring comfort, quality of life may be compromised.

Numbers are a guide — **your love, intuition, and veterinary support matter most**.

Talking With Your Veterinarian

This guide is most helpful when used as a conversation starter. Please bring your completed scale to your veterinarian or share it with the Pet Requiem care team. Together, you can discuss changes you're seeing, treatment options, comfort-focused care, and when it may be time to consider next steps — always centered on your pet's dignity and well-being.



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