

## Our Caring Continues . . .

# Handling Your Pet's Body After Death

### **We treat your pet's body with respect and dignity after he or she has passed away.**

We encourage you to comply with all state, provincial, and local laws.

These are the options we can provide you at this difficult time:

- You may have your pet's remains returned to you for personal disposition**, if local laws allow you to do so. A biodegradable coffin or bag may be provided for you, should you choose to use one.

*Estimated cost:* \_\_\_\_\_

- Your pet may be buried at a communal burial site** by our hospital or a well-respected service used by our hospital.

*Estimated cost:* \_\_\_\_\_

- Your pet may be cremated in a communal setting** by our hospital or a well-respected service used by our hospital. The ashes will not be returned to you.

*Estimated cost:* \_\_\_\_\_

- Your pet may be cremated privately** by our hospital or a well-respected service used by our hospital. The ashes will be returned to you or the hospital in a simple urn.\*  
A certificate will be provided to you verifying that the ashes you receive are from only your pet.

*Estimated cost:* \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you would like a personalized urn or other commemorative memento containing the ashes (jewelry, statue, mixed with plant seeds/soil, and so on), please discuss this with our staff. We may be able to facilitate your request.

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**After your pet has passed away, with your permission, our hospital staff may gently obtain a lock of fur, paw print, or other physical memory of your pet for you.**

To keep your pet's body cool prior to cremation or burial, our hospital may store the carefully labeled body in a freezer designated only for this use.