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THE LAST ACT OF LOVE

QUALITY OF LIFE ASSESSMENT



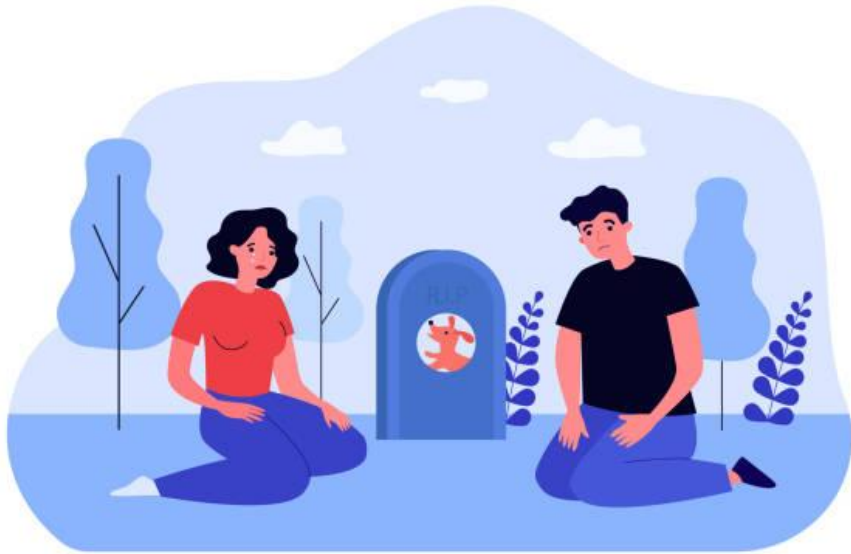
- Deciding to euthanize your companion animal may be one of the most difficult decisions you ever make.
- Well-loved pets are euthanized to minimize unnecessary suffering.
- The quality of animals' lives is defined by their overall physical and mental well-being, not just one aspect of their lives.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

- What is the most important thing when considering my pet's end-of-life treatment?
- What are my thoughts about euthanasia?
- Would I Consider Euthanasia if the following were true?
 - Feeling pain? Starts to experience seizures?
 - Can no longer urinate and/or defecate?
 - Has become uncontrollably violent or is unsafe to others?
 - Has stopped eating?
 - Is no longer acting normally?



HOW DO I KNOW WHEN IT IS TIME?



- Use our PG's s tools. They may aid you in making the decision to euthanize.

Enlist the help of one of our veterinarians.

While our veterinarian cannot make the decision for you, it is helpful for him/her to know that you are considering euthanasia.

Remember how your pet looked and behaved prior to the illness. Sometimes changes are gradual, and therefore hard to recognize. Look at photos or videos of your pet from before the illness.

Mark good and bad days on a calendar. This could be as simple as a happy or sad face for good or bad. If the bad days start to outweigh the good, it may be time to discuss euthanasia.

- Write a concrete list of three to five things your pet likes to do. When your pet is no longer able to enjoy these things, it may be time to discuss euthanasia.

SKY TAILS' QUALITY OF LIFE ASSESSMENT

Social Functions

- **Desire to be with the family**
- **Responds to Pet parent's presence? Wants to interact in the same way as before**
- **Demeanor / Behavior is the same as it was before?**

Health

No changes in breathing or panting patterns

Has more bad days than good days?

No outward signs of pain (excessive panting, pacing, and whining are most commonly seen)

No pacing around the house

My pet's overall condition has not changed recently

Mental Health

Enjoys normal play activities

Still dislikes the same thing (i.e., still hates the mailman = 0, or doesn't bark at the mailman anymore = 2)

No outward signs of stress or anxiety

Does not seem confused or apathetic

sleeping activity is normal, no changes seen In nighttime routine

Natural Functions

Appetite has stayed the same

Drinking has stayed the same, Normal urination habits

Normal bowel movement habits

Ability to ambulate (walk around) has stayed the same

Survey Date: -----
 Weight: -----
 Total Score: -----

Score Each Subsection on Scale of 1-3

- (1) Agree with Statement
- (2) Some Changes Seen
- (3) Disagree with statement

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