



PET PURPOSE PODCAST

For Pet Parents wanting to take pet parenting to the next level!



PET EUTHANASIA - WHEN IS THE RIGHT TIME?

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Key takeouts:

- Palliative care involves keeping our pets as comfortable as possible as they reach the end stage of their life, be it as a result of old age or due to terminal illness
- The aim is to allow families to enjoy as much quality time with their pet for the remainder of their life, knowing that they aren't suffering
- Seeking advice from your vet and getting educated about the pet's condition is important, so that you know what signs to look out for in order to avoid putting yourself and your pet in a compromising position

Always seek Veterinary advice specific to your pet's individual needs

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- The primary focus should be on the pet and if the decisions are made in the best interests of the pet, that does help to make tough decisions a lot easier for everyone in the family to accept
- It's important to give all family members the option of whether they want to be present at the final appointment and the final goodbye – it's up to each family member to decide what they are most comfortable with
- One of the biggest challenges is to balance holding on too long because you want to try and keep them forever versus knowing when to say farewell
- When assessing a pet's quality of life its best to look at various factors which can be broken into the following 3 categories:
 - Physical wellbeing – do they have normal eating, drinking, walking, sleeping, urinating, defecating patterns?
 - Emotional wellbeing – can they enjoy their regular routines, do they have enough mental stimulation, are they coping with their condition well?
 - Social wellbeing – do they have the same level of interaction with the family including other animals. Do they still enjoy affection?
- Looking at all three of these factors together can give you a sense of your pet's overall wellbeing and help inform a decision of when to opt for euthanasia
- If you wait for your pet to pass away naturally, it is often not a gentle and pain-free event . By setting up a euthanasia appointment you can help them pass peacefully and gently

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putting the quality of life of your pet first and foremost can help reduce the feelings of guilt



- It's a big thing to say goodbye and a big thing to make the decision to say goodbye which can bring about feelings of guilt as well as sensations of anticipatory grief.
- Think of it as though you are giving your pet a gift. You are protecting them from feeling any unnecessary pain, discomfort and stress. If you don't make that decision something could happen where your pet may end up suffering
- When to euthanise a pet is a difficult decision to make but it is not a decision that needs to be made alone – veterinary advice can help guide you in your decision

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