



Restful Paws

In Home Pet Hospice and Euthanasia

Restful Paws Hospice Care

Pet's Name _____

In an effort to ensure proper medical care, Restful Paws requires certain principles of care be strictly followed. These principles are designed to prevent suffering and increase client/caregiver communication throughout the end-of-life experience. Some animal patients will require more hospice/palliative care than others. This will be determined by your pet's condition, caregiver needs, and expected prognosis. Education regarding your pet's condition will be provided.

Levels of Care

1. Palliative care (the pet demonstrates certain care needs, with or without a life-limiting condition, and its trajectory for continued life is unknown)
2. Early hospice care (the pet has been diagnosed with a life-limiting condition, but is expected to continue in life for at least 2 more months)
3. Advanced hospice care (the pet's condition is advanced to the point that death is expected within a matter of days to weeks)

My pet's condition is classified as _____.

Communication

Each level of care will require varying levels of communication to ensure your pet's needs are being met. Regular discussions help to ensure protocols are being followed, medications are being given, and changing signs of illness are addressed. As the condition progresses, medical protocols will need to change.

- Palliative care requires communication at least monthly
- Early hospice care requires communication at least on a weekly basis
- Advanced hospice care requires communication every one to three days depending on the patient's condition

My pet's condition requires communication _____

Hospice Care Agreement

- I agree to place my pet in Restful Paws Hospice Care as recommended by my attending veterinarian with Restful Paws. I agree to a monthly follow up visit (cost \$375) with a Restful Paws veterinarian in order to continue my pet's hospice care.

Signature

Date