



# Restful Paws

In Home Pet Hospice and Euthanasia

## The Controlled Substances Agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to protect you in managing controlled substances prescribed to your pet while under the care of Restful Paws. Because these drugs have the potential for abuse or diversion, strict accountability is necessary when use is prolonged. For this reason, the following policies are agreed to by you to treat a variety of symptoms in your pet.

1. All controlled substances must be prescribed from a Restful Paws hospice veterinarian or your regular tending veterinarian, unless specific authorization is obtained for an exception.
2. You are expected to inform our office of any new medications prescribed by your regular tending veterinarian or any adverse affects your pet experiences.
3. Our hospice veterinarians have permission to discuss all diagnostic and treatment details with dispensing pharmacists or other professionals for purposes of maintaining accountability.
4. You may not share, sell, or otherwise permit others to have access to these medications.
5. These drugs should not be stopped abruptly without first speaking with one of our hospice veterinarians.
6. Prescriptions and bottles of controlled medications may be sought by other individuals with chemical dependency and should be closely safeguarded. It is expected that you will take the highest possible degree of care with your pet's medications. They should not be left where others might see or otherwise have access to them. Please refer to our Medication Guide for more information on properly storing medications.
7. Since the drugs may be hazardous or lethal to a human who is intolerant to their effects, especially a child, you must keep them out of reach.

8. You must report to our office immediately if controlled substance medications become lost, get wet, or otherwise destroyed. If your pet's medication has been stolen, we must report it to the authorities and a report must be filed. Sometimes exceptions can be made.
9. Early refills will generally not be given without a recheck visit under normal circumstances.
10. Prescriptions may be issued early if your hospice veterinarian or tending veterinarian will be out of town when a refill is due.
11. If the responsible legal authorities have questions concerning your pet's treatment, for example obtaining medications at several pharmacies, all confidentiality is waived and these authorities may be given full access to records of controlled substances administration.
12. It is understood that failure to adhere to these policies may result in cessation of therapy with controlled substances.
13. It should be understood that any medical treatment is initially a trial and that continued prescription is contingent on benefit to taking the medications.
14. Any unused medications must be properly disposed of at designated DEA disposal centers.
15. The risks and potential benefits of these therapies have been explained to you and you acknowledge such explanation.
16. You affirm you have the full right and authority to sign this agreement; and that you have read, understand, and accept all of its terms.

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