



What to expect when the veterinarian arrives for your in- home pet euthanasia appointment:

We know that making this appointment is heart wrenching. And we know that you must love your pet to the moon and back if you have taken the steps to arrange euthanasia for them in the comfort of their home. Our goal is to help you make this appointment go as smoothly as it possibly can.

When Dr Lori and her assistant arrive, she will come to your door to meet you. She will have a copy of the Euthanasia Plan and Consent form that was emailed to you immediately after you scheduled. She will also have a “cocktail” for your pet. This cocktail is very similar to what is given before surgical procedures. It will cause your pet to become very relaxed. Your pet may even doze off, free of stress and pain.

It will take between 5 and 15 minutes for the cocktail to take effect. During this time, you can guide your pet to the place that you want them to relax and lie down. Dr Lori will go out to her vehicle to get the second step ready while you have some private time with your pet. When Dr Lori comes back into your home with her assistant, they will administer the second injection for euthanasia. Your pet will pass peacefully.

If you have elected for us to help with cremation, we will assist with this after your pet has passed and after you have had some private time with them. An explanation of cremation services can be found here on our webpage:

[Click here](#)

We do ask that home euthanasia appointments take place in your home, or outdoors very close to your home weather permitting. We ask that if we are arranging your pet’s cremation, they be in a location that will be easy for us to transport them, especially if they weigh over 40 pounds. This means on a main floor and relatively close to the door. We also ask that children under the age of 13 are not present for the euthanasia injection, although they can be in the home and present for the cocktail. Other pets in the home can be present if you wish. And if you want to be present for the entire appointment or just parts of it, that is completely up to you. Due to smoke allergies, we ask that there be no smoke in the home during this appointment.

Dr Lori can guide you through the procedure explained above while she is there. However, if you have any questions about this that are not addressed above or any questions about your pet’s health or need for euthanasia, you need to schedule a phone consultation here before proceeding: [Click Here](#) A big part of making this appointment go well for you is that all questions are taken care of before the euthanasia appointment. You do not want to be worrying about whether you have made the right decision, or how you will take care of your pet’s body, during your pet’s euthanasia appointment.

When we arrive for your pet’s euthanasia appointment, you will already have made the difficult decisions and you will have already paid for the service. This time will be all about one of the most important decisions you will make for your pet: letting them pass peacefully.