





## **If your pet passes at home**

The first thing to do is to take a deep breath, you may want to take a moment to say a prayer or poem or just talk to your pet about how much you loved them. The other pets in the house may come over to smell their deceased sibling - this is their way of saying goodbye.








When a pet passes, the body relaxes.


It is normal for the eyes to remain open as the eyelids have relaxed.

There may be a release from the bladder and/or bowels. If you wish, you can clean up any areas that have been soiled. A pee pad or older towel can be placed under the hind to help keep your pet clean. You can wrap your little or big angel in a blanket, in a snuggle position. You may opt to snuggle them in their favorite bed with one of their favorite toys. Your sweet baby can stay in their snuggle spot until aftercare is arranged.

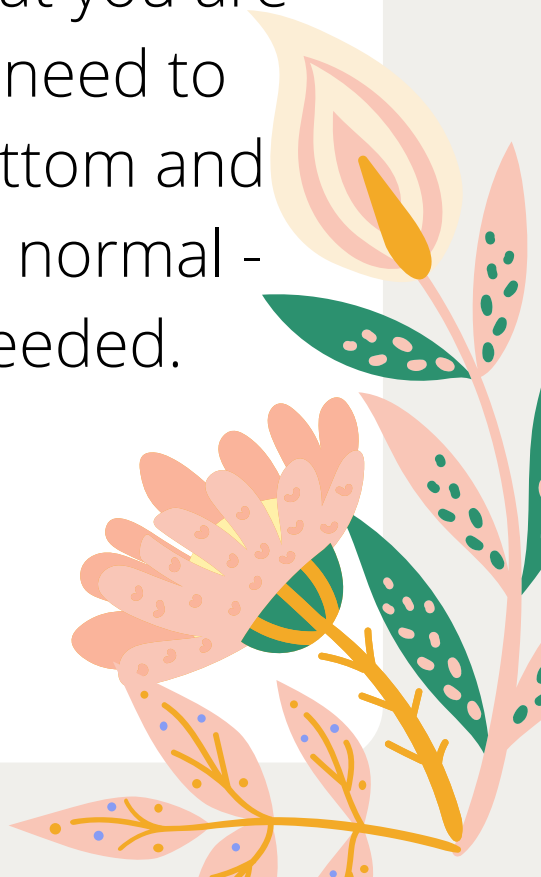




After you have them snuggled, you want to make sure to keep them in a secure spot until it is time for transport - this is usually inside the house. The body will usually start to change 1-4 hours after death. With this change, called rigor mortis, the body becomes stiff. This is a natural process but can be difficult for some pet families.



When it is time to transport your pet, it will feel different from what you are accustomed to. You will need to support their head and bottom and they may feel heavier than normal - please get assistance if needed.





# Aftercare

If you need assistance with aftercare (either private or communal cremation), you can call us at [Paws Finding Peace](tel:413-327-5077) (413-327-5077) to see if we are able to assist. If we are unable to assist with aftercare, you can call your regular vet or one of the 24 hour emergency hospitals: NEVCCC (860-688-8400) or VESH (413-665-4911) You can also reach out to the crematorium directly Valley Pet Aftercare Services (860-436-6260) or Final Gift (800-477-5044).

