

| Standard of Care - Euthanasia | |
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| ALL CLIENTS ARE SENT A SYMPATHY CARD – VET CAN REQUEST FLOWERS BE SENT TO GOOD CLIENTS | |
| <p>In the clinic – private client – pre-booked Euthanasia consent form Consult; print form; euthanasia consent form OR blank euthanasia consent form if O details not known</p> <p>Reception/consult nurse should have already talked to the client about Edenhills cremation (and completed paperwork if the client feels OK to do that) The Edenhills cabinet is in C1 if the client would like to view some alternative choices Payment Ensure Consult 1 is free; as soon as free, direct the client to that area and the chair; offer tissues, drink of water etc. Turn on the Euthanasia light when the client enters the consult room The Tx nurse should make sure the euthanasia kit is ready for use (Consult should alert the Tx nurse of euth coming in) Co-consult nurse – confirm any questions regarding Edenhills Gather the euthanasia kit and inform Vet</p> | <p>INVOICING</p> <p>Euthanasia (by weight) Cremation choice Mileage (if used) Mileage transport for cremation (transport fee)</p> |
| <p>Vet actions</p> <p>Depending on the animal and situation Say hello Treat the animal with respect; talk to it; don't appear to change your tone to a sympathy tone – i.e. be normal Do a light exam – without seeming to do in-depth assessment – i.e. retain a sense of calm Gums Movement Standing Attitude</p> | <p>Talk to Owner</p> <p>Ensure they have made the decision for euthanasia (or are they there to get your professional input before final decision) Do they want to stay with the animal? Check if they have decided on cremation/burial options If they have not made up their minds, advise them you get the Nurse to have a chat and explain the options.</p> |
| <p>Get sedation ready (advise owners of what you are doing in each step and what they can expect to see) Tourniquet (in some cases you may need to gently place a towel over the dogs head to calm) Clip; inject Lethobarb (2ml/3kg) Some Vets prefer to catheterise and use an extension set for the Lethobarb process Confirm the heart has stopped. Give warning to owners that for up to 10 minutes, there may be several intakes of air, however, the heart has stopped</p> | <p>Allow Owners time to say goodbye</p> <p>If they are taking the body home, wrap in sheet/towel or pillow case. Leg side first, then back, then rear end, leaving head open to say goodbyes If using Edenhills, advise owners you will leave them for a few minutes to say goodbye Advise Nurse to keep an eye on the time and gently knock on the door in a few minutes to see if they need support</p> |

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| <p>Edenhills procedure Ensure animal is tagged with correct Edenhills tag, include name etc as per the tag; body to Edenhills freezer Make entry in Edenhills book (located to L of back door) Log on to Edenhills and book the service required</p> | |
| <p>Home Visit – follow the same procedure Euthanasia consent form Consult; print form; euthanasia consent form OR blank euthanasia consent form if O details not known INVOICE Include Mileage Euth Home Mileage transport for cremation (transport fee)</p> | <p>In the Van In the Van there is Euthanasia equipment in the green bag. In the same drawer are clippers (not for heavy coats – so go slowly) Black tube in euth kit has 2 x xlyl100 syringes, use as needle to sedate Replace on your return – Tx nurse to do Torniquet, syringes, needles, metho in bag Towel/sheets in van; body bags and duct tape</p> |
| <p>In Clinic - not booked Same procedure as above – may take longer time in discussion and decision making. Some people prefer to complete the euthanasia, and the Nurse follows up in a day or so, to get the cremation choices. In these instances, bag and tag the body (HOLD tag), enter into Edenhills book and label as HOLD. When the client makes up their mind, go back and revise the tag and the note in the Edenhills book and log the pick-up online</p> | <p>PACC Euthanasia CATS Make sure if member of the public bringing cat in – they complete cat surrender form Ensure 2 staff using 2 different scanners have scanned the cat If chipped, do recovery If not chipped and friendly – advertise on FB and assess if we can rehome If not chipped and not friendly – sedate through cage. Zyl 100 in C1 above sink, lower levels middle cupboard with PACC label Euth; record in PACC lethobarb section Record under PACC cat current Bag and place in freezer. DOGS – generally surrendered to PACC for a reason Check with PACC that they have OK'd the procedure (if not heard from them previously) Euth; record in PACC lethobarb section Record under PACC dog current Bag and place in freezer.</p> |
| <p>For ALL euthanasias – Go to Vetlink Diary page Messages tab Louise – enter the details for a sympathy card; include possible comments or any special words the client used, so we can include that in the card. Take a hair sample and place in the sympathy box.</p> | |