



## Temporary Procedures and Modifications Required for Home Euthanasia Visits during COVID-19 Restrictions

Please understand the need for modifications during this difficult time. Our Peaceful Passing veterinarian wishes to continue to provide this valuable and blessed service to families and their pets when they need it most while also ensuring personal safety for all of us within the required CDC guidelines and regulations. Please help us all stay safe and healthy and review the temporary guidelines in place below

1. If anyone in your home has symptoms or has been diagnosed with COVID-19, please let your veterinarian know immediately so that alternative plans can be made to ensure the health and safety of everyone.
2. To abide by Physical Distancing requirements that are currently in place, we recommend conducting the procedure outside (patio, porch, backyard, etc) if possible instead of inside to minimize risk as much as possible. We still wish for your pet to be as comfortable as possible and encourage you to provide a comfortable bed.
3. At this time, we are unable to accommodate dogs under 30lb **unless** they already have an IV catheter in place. A previously placed IV catheter by your regular veterinarian enables your Peaceful Passing veterinarian to proceed with a peaceful and comforting home euthanasia experience while maintaining physical distancing. This enables your beloved pet to remain in your arms and as close to you as desire during the process. It is our primary policy to make the home euthanasia experience as comforting, peaceful and as pleasant experience as possible, however, due to Physical Distancing requirements, we have found that we are unable to achieve this for families and for dogs < 30lb without an IV catheter. Please ask your regular veterinarian if they are willing to place an IV catheter for the purposes of a home euthanasia. **We are still able to help cats.**
4. While working with your pet, your peaceful passing vet will try to maintain as much physical distance as is practical from other family members; however, if there are family members that have underlying health conditions or otherwise may pose higher risk, please consider having them say goodbyes prior to the visit and remain safely in another



room. We will be wearing a mask and encourage all members present wear a mask as well.

5. Out of an abundance of caution, please note that cancellations and/or referrals will be made if our peaceful passing veterinarian feels ill or has symptoms that they feel may pose a risk to others. We will do all in our power to provide alternative solutions should our veterinarian be unable to assist your pet during this time

Thank you for understanding and it is my sincere hope that we will return to normal operations soon.

Please keep you and your family safe during this time

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