## **Comfort Care**

## A holistic approach to end-of-life care.

Pet hospice, commonly referred to as "comfort care," is a specialized form of veterinary care designed for pets approaching the end of their lives. Unlike traditional medical interventions aimed at a cure, comfort care places its emphasis on enhancing the quality of life for pets during their final stage. The primary goal is to provide comfort and support, acknowledging the pet's unique needs and ensuring a peaceful and dignified experience in their final moments- no matter their diagnosis.

Comfort care should revolve around the identification and coordination of symptom management for your pet. The goal should be that your pet experiences maximum comfort during the rest of their time. Additionally, a comfort care program should align its efforts with the family's goals and preferences for their pet's well-being.

By understanding and respecting the wishes of the pet parents, a plan can be created and customized just for you. This compassionate approach not only addresses your pet's needs but also aligns with your vision for their care.

## **Comfort Care typically includes:**

- Medication management
- Direct communication with a care team
- ♠ Family education & support from your pet's dedicated comfort care team
- ♠ In-person recheck exams
- Discussion and pre-planning support for aftercare

Research has shown, pets in comfort care typically live longer than pets whose owners have elected to pursue curative treatment.



