



*A Compassionate*  
*Discussion*  
**CONCERNING YOUR**  
**ANIMAL COMPANION**

## **THE PASSING OF YOUR ANIMAL COMPANION**

Saying goodbye is one of the hardest parts of pet ownership. We wish you every comfort while you are mourning the loss of your pet and hope that you can reflect on the many happy memories you shared together.

One way you can honor your pet's memory is by donating their remains to the Educational Memorial Program to help prepare the next generation of compassionate veterinarians.

*"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."*  
~ Anatole France



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## WHAT IS THE EDUCATIONAL MEMORIAL PROGRAM?

The Educational Memorial Program at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences offers you a very special and meaningful way to honor your deceased pet. The program is very similar to programs at medical colleges that allow individuals to will their bodies to medical education after they pass.

Donating your pet's remains to the program can be a way of letting the spirit of your pet live on through the education of future veterinarians. Pets' remains are valuable in teaching students anatomy and the surgical skills they must master to become competent health professionals.

Dogs, cats, horses, cattle, sheep, and goats are all eligible for donation to the Educational Memorial Program. If you decide to donate your pet's remains to the program, you can choose to keep your pet's name confidential or to use their first name to recognize their contribution. Owners' names will always remain confidential.



## WHY DONATE?

By honoring your pet in this special way, you will help support our college's missions of saving lives and training future veterinarians. Your pet will help teach students critical skills that enable them to practice compassionate and competent medicine once they enter the profession.

## WHAT IS EUTHANASIA?

Euthanasia, or "putting an animal to sleep," is a humane way to relieve suffering. Your veterinarian will administer a drug that will put your pet to rest. The entire process is completed in just a few minutes, is painless, and is very peaceful.

## WHAT ARE POST-EUTHANASIA OPTIONS FOR MY PET?

There are several options available after euthanasia. Your veterinarian can help you choose the best option for you. Donation of your pet's remains to the Educational Memorial Program at the CVMBS is one option if you decide not to receive them back after euthanasia.