



Burial Information

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If you have chosen burial for your pet.....

You may only bury your pet on your own or (with permission) on another person's private property. Burial should only be performed in accordance with local and state laws. Burial should not occur in an area that floods or that is on the property line/easement. Bury your pet in an area free of tree roots, wires, cables and telephone poles. Bury your pet away from the foundation of your home.

Your pet's remains are poisonous and should be buried AT LEAST 4 feet deep with 3 feet of earth covering the remains. It is a good idea to put rock, chicken wire or other rough material in the last foot of the grave to discourage digging by animals. Any animal that consumes your pet's remains may die inadvertently due to exposure to euthanasia solution. Pet remains should never be left alone with other pets or children. If your pet had a contagious disease, cremation is preferred to burial. Any euthanized pet that is unearthed and consumed by protected or endangered species may cause the death of that animal. There are severe federal fines and penalties for allowing this to happen.

Be sure to position your pet as you would like them buried before rigor mortis (stiffening) occurs. Wrapping your pet can help to keep them in the position you prefer for burial. Your pet may leak body fluids after passing. Be sure there is absorbent material under the head and rear end. As gases build up and escape, you may hear noise or see movement.

There is no need to bury your pet immediately unless you choose to do so. You may allow your pet to lie in a shrine or special area just as we do for people.

Planting a tree, bush or plant near the grave is a wonderful way to memorialize your pet. There are beautiful grave markers available online as well.

Take your time mourning your pet and don't hesitate to let us know if we can help in any way.

Peace to you and your family during this time,

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