

# EUTHANASIA



This is the **HUMANE** termination of an animal's life in order to alleviate pain and suffering.

## What does it entail?

The Greek equivalent of the word euthanasia literally translates to "good death". As such, the veterinarian usually administers the appropriate dose of anaesthetic drug(s) that will allow the animal to go into a deep, neverending sleep.

*They go to sleep quickly*

*It can be a tough goodbye*

*You will experience loss*

*It's a painless process for the animal*

## When might euthanasia be considered?

1. Poor quality of life
2. Terminal illness
3. Critical injury
4. Exhaustion of all financial resources needed to treat or care for the animal.
5. Difficult or unmanageable behaviour, e.g. aggression.
6. Overpopulation - they can negatively impact the ecosystem, etc.

*It's a difficult decision to make*

*Support your pet through it*

*Allow yourself to grieve*

*Ask questions if you have them*

*Include family members in the decision*

