

***Euthanasia*** is the humane, painless ending of a pet's life. This is done in the veterinary setting using an injectable drug that induces sleep and causes vital body functions to cease. While the decision to euthanize a beloved pet is never easy, it is always done with the animal's best interest in mind. When quality of life becomes minimal, owner and veterinarian may decide that euthanasia is the most humane option. Owners then have the option of burial or cremation of the pet's body.

***Cremation*** is an ethical, economical, and environmentally safe alternative to burial. Cremation involves the use of heat in a closed chamber to reduce a pet's remains into small fragments and ashes. This is accomplished using the same type of equipment used in human cremations. All cremations are done on the premises here at Greenville Veterinary Clinic by hospital staff.

***Cremation options*** for your pet include group or private cremation. Group cremation means that your pet will be cremated along with other pets, and the remains will not be returned to you. With group cremation the remains are either buried or scattered at the discretion of veterinary staff. If private cremation is selected, your pet will be cremated alone. When private cremation is performed the remains are placed into a container called an urn. The owner then has the option of burial of ashes or choosing a more decorative urn for display. You can rest assured that the remains returned to you are those only of your pet.

***Decisions concerning euthanasia and cremations can be very difficult. Please feel free to ask questions of the veterinarians and staff members.***

## ***What is the cost of Cremation?***

Euthanasia fees vary from \$18.00 to \$60.00, depending on a number of factors. Please ask a staff member for a price quote.

### ***Group Cremation***

- Under 15 pounds \$25.00
- 16 to 40 pounds \$40.00
- 41 to 80 pounds \$55.00
- 81 to 120 pounds \$70.00
- Over 120 pounds \$80.00

### ***Private Cremation***

- Under 15 pounds \$80.00
- 16 to 40 pounds \$100.00
- 41 to 80 pounds \$140.00
- 81 to 120 pounds \$180.00
- Over 120 pounds \$210.00

Price of private cremation includes a simple burial urn. Decorative display urns are available for an additional fee.