

# Aftercare For Your Pet



*Know and understand your options  
to make an informed decision*

## Pet Cemeteries & Crematoriums

### Animal Memorial Service

8860 Muraoka Drive  
Gilroy, CA 95020  
www.animalmemorialservice.com  
408-847-1002  
888-255-1002

### Treasured Pets

4601 Pell Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95838  
www.treasuredpets.net  
916-348-4000

### East Lawn Hills Pet Cemetery

6700 Verner Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95841  
www.eastlawn.com  
916-732-2037

### Pet's Rest Cemetery

1905 Hillside Boulevard  
Colma, CA 94014  
www.petrest.com  
650-755-2201

### Allied Pet Crematory

401 Railroad Avenue  
Suisun City, Ca 94585  
www.alliedpetcrematory.com  
707-422-5770

### Valley Pet Cemetery

1023 East Vine Street, Suite F  
Lodi, CA 95240  
www.valleypetcrematory.com  
209-334-0363

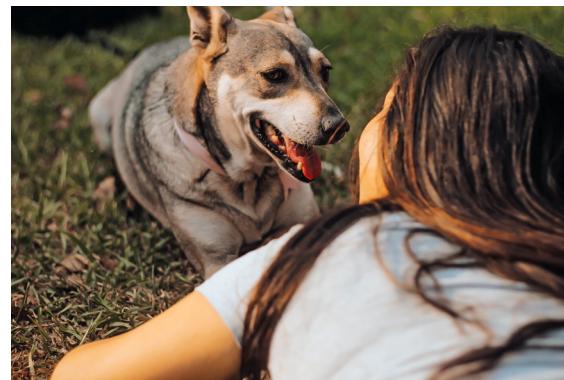
### Caring Pet

4720 Beloit Drive  
Watsonville, CA 95838  
www.caringpetcrematory.com  
916-469-0801

### Koefran Services for Pets

P.O. Box 276426  
Sacramento, CA 95827-6424  
www.koefran.com  
916-361-0911  
800-822-6768

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### Anatomic Pathology Service

vmthanatomicpath@ucdavis.edu  
530-752-1368

### Pet Loss Resources

[https://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/  
grief-counseling/pet-loss-resources](https://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/grief-counseling/pet-loss-resources)

### Client Support & Grief Counselor

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## When Your Beloved Pet Passes

Please accept our sincerest condolences on the loss of your pet. We understand how difficult this time can be for you and your family. This resource will help walk you through the steps necessary to complete your pet's final arrangements. If this process becomes overwhelming at any time and you need assistance with pet loss or any end-of-life decisions, we encourage you to enlist our Client Support Counseling Services to help you through this process (see back for details).

## Do You Want A Necropsy? ▶

Necropsy: an autopsy of your pet. Necropsies are performed to provide you with a diagnosis of your pet's disease, and when possible, a cause of death. This examination may include internal anatomy, requiring dissection of organs and removal of limbs in a respectful manner. Accordingly, once a necropsy is performed, the final remains of your pet would not be viewable. Veterinary students will assist and learn from the necropsy, under the direct supervision of a faculty pathologist. Please know that by choosing this procedure, you are helping to advance veterinary medicine, and we are grateful.



### ► If YES, choose one...

#### 1) Unrestricted Use

You are authorizing UC Davis to use your pet's remains for teaching and/or clinical discovery purposes, in addition to the standard necropsy to determine a probable cause of death.

#### 2) Further Use Forbidden

Your pet's remains **will not** be used for clinical discovery purposes. A necropsy will be performed to determine a probable cause of death.

### ► Also, if YES, choose one...

Owner pick-up is NOT ALLOWED on animals that have been necropsied.

#### 1) Group Cremation

Your pet will be cremated at UC Davis in a group with other pets. Unfortunately, your pet's ashes cannot be returned to you with this option.

#### 2) Private Cremation

You will be responsible for contacting a private crematorium within **three** business days of your pet's passing. You must provide payment and pet details to your chosen crematorium in order for them to pick up your pet from UC Davis. The crematorium you choose will then return your pet's ashes to you directly. Crematoriums do not return ashes back to UC Davis.

Please contact the Anatomic Pathology Service at **530-752-1368** to inform them which private crematorium you have chosen to pick up your pet. If a necropsy or other post-mortem examination is being performed on your pet, please inform the crematorium. They will call the Anatomic Pathology Service to confirm and arrange pick-up. Most pets are ready for pick-up the day after a necropsy or post-mortem examination.

Necropsy results will be relayed to you by your UC Davis veterinarian in **approximately 30 days**.

### ► If NO necropsy is desired, choose one...

#### 1) Group Cremation

#### 2) Private Cremation

#### 3) Owner Pick-Up

Owners can take their pet home after its passing if no necropsy or post-mortem examination is being performed. Owners must take their pet home within **three** business days of passing. If you change your mind and request a private or group cremation, please inform the Anatomic Pathology Service within three business day of pet's passing.

#### Hold For Decision

If a cremation or a necropsy request decision cannot be made at the time of your pet's passing, your pet will be placed on hold with the Anatomic Pathology Service, and you will have **three business days** to make a decision. A necropsy on your pet cannot be requested outside the **three** business day post-mortem window. Due to health hazard concerns, if no cremation decision or owner communication has been made within **ten** days, your pet will be automatically group cremated with no ashes returned and a morgue holding fee will be applied.

**Disclaimer:** In the rare instance your pet is determined to have a possible infectious or zoonotic (transferable to humans) disease that requires immediate cremation, it will not be possible to release remains directly to you or to a private crematorium. All remains will be transported to a designated facility for cremation. We will contact you immediately if this is found to be the case.

**Other options:** If an insurance necropsy is desired, please inform your UC Davis veterinarian at the time of your pet's passing. Additional fees apply.