QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU PREPARE

A gentle place to begin thinking about what matters most—before you're in the middle of a crisis.

WHAT MATTERS MOST TO YOU?

There are no right answers. These questions are simply a place to begin thinking about what you hope for, what matters most, and what you may want to discuss with the people supporting you.

1. What matters most to you when you think about your pet's comfort and quality of life?

2. Are there things your pet especially loves that help a day still feel like a good day?

3. Are there changes or situations that would make you want to pause and talk with your veterinarian or support team?

WHAT WOULD HELP YOU FEEL MORE PREPARED?

4. What questions would you want answered before you had to make a difficult decision?

5. If your pet's condition changed suddenly, do you know who you would call and where you would go?

6. Is there anything about the end-of-life process that you don't understand or would like someone to explain before you have to face it?

WHAT WOULD A PEACEFUL GOODBYE LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

7. If you had a choice, where would you want your pet's final moments to take place?

8. Who would you want to be there—or is there anyone you would prefer not to be present?

9. Are there things that might help the experience feel more peaceful or personal for you and your pet?

WHAT MIGHT YOU WANT TO THINK ABOUT AFTERWARD?

10. Do you know what aftercare options are available, and is there anything you already know you would—or would not—want?

11. Are there keepsakes, rituals, or ways of remembering your pet that feel meaningful to you?

12. Who could you reach out to for support before, during, or after the loss?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS.

Your wishes may change as your pet's needs change, and that's okay. Preparing doesn't mean you're giving up hope. It simply means you're giving yourself space to think about what matters before you're asked to make difficult decisions.

You can bring these questions to your veterinarian, your support team, or anyone helping you care for your pet.

THOUGHTS, QUESTIONS, OR THINGS I WANT TO REMEMBER