

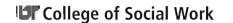
This worksheet is designed to initiate the process of thinking about end-of-life issues before the critical moments. This should allow you to make decisions before emotions run high and is designed to eliminate feelings of guilt related to having made decisions against your core values in the critical moments. We invite you to take as much time as you need to complete this questionnaire. A veterinarian and/or social work professional will be available to answer any questions that you may have. Also, please know that your responses to these questions will not be included in the patient's record and will not affect or authorize consent in any way for adjustments in the plan of care for your animal.

Client:	Patient:	Date:				
What is the overall goal of	care for (insert the nam	(insert the name of your animal*)? What are we aiming for				
What is the most importan	t thing to you when considering		's end-of-life treatment?			
What are your thoughts ab	out euthanasia?					
What would be the approp (You may answer yes to more than	riate time for euthanasia for				-	
♥ If he/she is feeling pair	n?	yes	or	no		
V If he/she can no longer	r urinate and/or defecate on his/her own?	yes	or	no		
If he/she starts to expe	rience seizures?	yes	or	no	-	
♥ If he/she has become v	riolent beyond control?	yes	or	no		
♥ If he/she has stopped e	eating?	yes	or	no		
V If he/she is no longer a	acting like himself/ herself?	yes	or	no		
♥ If he/she has a condition	on that will only worsen with time?	yes	or	no		
Fig. If the veterinary team	recommends euthanasia?	yes	or	no		
	recommends euthanasia, but the required hat you listed above are not present?	yes	or	no	-	
Financial limitations	prohibit treatment?	yes	or	no		
Other/Comments						



*We use the term "animal" because we respect that each of us has a unique relationship with our animal. People can consider their animals as family members, children, friends and companions. People may also consider their animals as resources, such as the farmer who stewards cattle or other livestock. We respect the uniqueness of each human-animal relationship and seek to support that unique relationship in whatever way is deemed helpful.

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