



Ending Life With Compassion

From [HealthyPet.com](http://www.healthy.com) – ending life with compassion

http://www.healthypet.com/library_view.aspx?ID=9&sid=2

“**Hospice care** focuses primarily on providing pain control and physical and emotional comfort to the pet. To prevent the anxiety of hospital visits and to allow pets and owners the maximum amount of time together, pet owners provide as much care as possible at home. Owners are trained to attune themselves to their pet's physical and emotional needs, and often find that the increased attention and physical contact allows them to feel close to their pet at the end of its life. Owners are given one-on-one time to come to grips with their pet's progressive disease and can say good-bye in their own way. Hospice helps to make a pet's death a kinder, more intimate experience for both pets and owners.”

“Dr. Robin Downing recommends in *Pets Living With Cancer: A Pet Owner's Resource* (AAHA Press, 2000) that pet owners establish a bottom line for their pet's quality of life before the time comes to make the decision about euthanasia.”

Other links:

American Animal Hospital Association <http://www.healthypet.com/about.aspx>

Delta Society (human/animal bond)—Pet Loss and Bereavement Page with links

<http://www.deltasociety.org/dsn000.htm>

Links For Pet Loss Support:

<http://www.lisaviolet.com/cathouse/goodbye.html>

<http://www.ourpals.com/support/loss.htm>

<http://www.oznvo.com/petloss2.html>

<http://www.akfentertainment.com/akf/vetinfo/vet40.htm>