



What to expect during the in-home visit

Arrival

After meeting you and your pet at the location of your choosing, we will help you complete the following:

1. Review and sign the in-home pet euthanasia release forms.
2. We will review the estimate, desired services, and complete any point-of-sale payments.

Sedation

1. We will make sure your pet is on a comfortable surface where the family can also be present. If needed a potty pad can be placed under pet. We recommend having a blanket or towel for pet to lay on comfortably as well.
2. An intravenous catheter is placed on one of the limbs, usually a forelimb. If your pet is dehydrated a hindlimb may be attempted.
3. Once everyone is as ready as they can ever be, we will administer the sedative, this is an anesthetic that will make your pet feel very relaxed and sleepy.
4. The catheter is then flushed with a second injection of only saline.
5. This is the only part your pet may feel something and they sometimes react much like they do when getting a vaccination, although every individual is different.
6. If your pet is still eating, a favorite treat offers a good distraction once the injection is given.
7. If s(he) has heart problems, the sedative may increase the breathing rate, but s(he) will be unaware of this once the sedative takes full effect.
8. The sedative typically takes a few seconds if given intravenously or up to 10 minutes for full effect if given intramuscular, although some pets require a second injection.

Administration

1. Once pet is fully relaxed and sleepy, I will give a third injection that will make vitals stop. This will only be given on a fully sedated patient. Then another injection of saline is given to flush the catheter.
2. We will then indicate when the vitals have stopped, typically within 30 seconds, though it may take a few minutes if your pet is very dehydrated. Sometimes muscle spasms may be observed. Your pet's eyes will most likely remain open as this is their natural position after passing.
3. At this time we will ask you if you'd like to spend more time with your pet after s(he) has passed.



Aftercare

If we are handling the aftercare, we will prepare the car for your pet's transport. Please take the time you want with your pet and then notify us when you are ready. If you have already said your final farewell, we will bring a bed (small pets) or a blanket shrouded stretcher (medium- large dogs) to your pet. Once s(he) is comfortably situated in the car, final condolences will be offered.

Have more questions? Please contact us by email or phone. If you aren't sure it's time and would like Dr. Velazquez to evaluate your pet's condition, please schedule a consultation.