Before Our Time Together

A gentle guide to help you prepare

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Thank you for inviting me into your home during such a difficult time.

It is an honor to help your beloved companion pass peacefully and comfortably, surrounded by the people who love them most.

The love you have shared will always remain.

Preparing for The Appointment

If your pet is still comfortable enough to do so, taking them outside for one last potty break before I arrive can be helpful.

Please confirm that your address, phone number, gate codes, and any special parking or access instructions are correct so I can find you easily.

You're welcome to have as many family members present as you'd like. Children, close friends, and other pets are all welcome if you feel their presence would bring comfort.

If another pet becomes anxious or overly excited, it may be helpful to have a favorite stuffed treat, food puzzle, or a trusted friend take them for a walk during the appointment so the environment remains peaceful for everyone.

If you Have a Large Dog

I always come prepared with a stretcher when needed. If your dog is large and you're comfortable helping me gently move them afterward, I truly appreciate the assistance. If you won't be able to help, please let me know ahead of time so I can arrange additional assistance.

What to Expect

When I arrive, we'll spend a few minutes talking together before anything begins.

I'll explain each step of the process, answer every question you may have, and we will move entirely at your family's pace.

There is never any rush.

Favorite Things to Consider

- A favorite blanket or toy
- Preferred treats or last meal
- Soft music or nature sounds
- Candle or photo display
- People (and pets) who bring comfort

Aftercare Options

Aftercare choices are reviewed and confirmed during the appointment. You may choose:

Private Cremation
Ashes are returned in the urn of your choice.

Communal Cremation
Ashes are respectfully scattered at sea and handled by Oceans of Love.
Learn more at:
www.oceansoflovepets.com

Home Burial
Where legally permitted and appropriate.

You may also choose to use your own preferred cremation provider or aftercare arrangements.



A lock of your pet's fur is included in a keepsake glass vial as a remembrance.

Returning Home

Your pet will be lovingly cared for by West Coast Pet Memorial in Escondido. If you choose private cremation, you may:

1. Pick up your pet's ashes at the care center (423 N Hale Ave, Escondido, CA 92029)
2. Have them shipped to your home (Priority Mail Express Shipping – $35 for pets less than 50 lbs)
3. Coordinate their return with me, when possible.

www.westcoastpetmemorial.com

Standard Urns Included with Private Cremation



Carved Wood Urn



Cedar Memorial Urn





Decorative Metal Urns (choose from blue or sand)



Satin Pouch



Blue Scatter Tube

Personalization Options

Wood Urns: Laser Etched Standard Plate – up to 2 lines ($20 extra)
or Etching On Wooden Urns – up to 4 lines ($25 extra)





Decorative Metal Urns: Hold up to two lines of text.





Memorial Clay Paw Print
Can be customized with your pet's name.

$20 additional

Payment

To make the day as stress-free as possible, payment is processed after the appointment using the card on file.

Any memorial items or shipping selections will simply be added to your invoice beforehand.

I'm Here to Help

If anything comes to mind before our appointment—even if it's something small—please don't hesitate to reach out.

I am always happy to schedule a phone call if talking through the process would bring you peace of mind.

760-712-8332

I do not answer the phone or text messages while assisting other families. I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Additional Keepsakes

Additional memorial keepsakes, jewelry, ink prints, and outdoor memorials can be viewed at:
www.westcoastpetmemorial.com

There is no right or wrong way to say goodbye.

Whether your home is filled with quiet moments, laughter, tears, stories, or simply the comfort of being together, every act of love you've shared has led to this final gift of peace.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your companion's journey.

It is an honor to care for them, and for your family.