

Paw Prints In Heaven

Pre-planning Guide Worksheet

For pre-planning purposes, please complete this worksheet and make a copy for your veterinarian to place in your pet's file.

Date: _____

I hereby request that the Humane Society of Tuolumne County's Paw Prints in Heaven Crematory handle the final deposition of my beloved pet's remains.

Pet Owner: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zipcode _____

Telephone - Home: _____

Business: _____

Cellular: _____

E-mail: _____

Veterinarian: _____

Pet Name: _____ Breed: _____

Color: _____ Sex: _____ Weight: _____

Services Requested:

- Private Cremation - Your pet will be cremated individually and placed in a wooden urn
- Communal Cremation - Your pet will be cremated with other pets and no cremains will be returned to the owner
- Decorative Pet Cremation Urn (indicate item #) _____
- Pet Mementos to be included (describe)



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In Loving Memory...



GUIDE FOR PLANNING AHEAD

PAW PRINTS IN HEAVEN CREMATORIUM

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF TUOLUMNE COUNTY

Though a pet's life is short in comparison to man's, the memory is everlasting. A unique experience of love and understanding has been shared in living with your pet. The faithfulness of a dog or the playfulness of a cat are expressions in time that are beyond the understanding of those who have not shared their life with a pet.

At the Humane Society of Tuolumne County (HSOTC) and our *Paw Prints in Heaven* Crematory (PPIH) service, we understand that the love of a pet lives forever. Our mission is to treat your family's pet with the same care, compassion, and dignity in passing as you and your family did throughout your pet's life. We care about you and your pet and will do all we can to help you through this difficult time. Using our *In Loving Memory* guide for pre-planning allows you to choose your pet's cremation choice, urn and many other details before the need arises.

When pre-planning your pet's needs, you are:

- 🐾 Protecting your family from having to make difficult decisions during an emotional time.
- 🐾 Making your choices ahead of time, thinking about all of your options. Whether you prefer private or communal cremation.
- 🐾 Finalizing your pet's cremation arrangements avoids hastily made decision and possibly later regrets
- 🐾 Having the option to "lock-in" today's prices for services that hopefully will not be needed for many years to come.

We have prepared this guide to help you answer some of the questions that may arise when preparing for your pet's final arrangements. Once you complete the pre-planning form, we suggest that you have a copy placed in your pet's file at your veterinarian's office. This way, when the time comes, your veterinarian will know what to do.



Planning ahead with HSOTC's *Paw Prints in Heaven Crematory* will give you peace of mind knowing that your pet will be taken care of in the upmost dignity in this time of need.

For any questions pertaining to our services or products, please call us at 209-984-5489.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I pre-arrange my pet's farewell needs?

Now is the perfect time for pre-planning as many people make arrangements ahead of time. We have experienced that families find it easier to make decisions regarding their pet's final arrangements before the death occurs. At the time of your pet's death you are under great stress and grief. In addition, we offer pre-payment programs to lock-in the price. No matter how many years go by or if something happens to you, your pet's plans will be arranged and are paid for.

What is cremation?

Cremation is simply the hastening of the natural processes by a clean, sanitary and entirely modern method using an intense flame that returns the body to its original elements. All that remains are the calcified bone fragments which are collected, processed and placed in an urn.

What are the types of cremation?

At PPIH, we offer two types of cremation – private and communal.

Private – For pet owners who choose private cremation, your pet is cremated individually and the cremains are returned to you in a beautiful wooden urn with brass plate inscription.

Communal – This option maintains a high level of dignity at a modest cost. The pet is cremated with other pets and a portion of the cremains are scattered in our *Paw Prints in Heaven* Memorial garden.

How do I know I'm getting my own pet back after cremation?

At PPIH we have a system of checks and balances by which we keep track of your pet ensuring that the cremains you receive are those of your pet.

Do I need an urn and how do I know what size?

This is a personal decision as there are hundreds of styles of urns and many can be personalized for you from handmade wood urns to keepsake jewelry. Each pound of your pet equals one cubic inch of urn space, so if your pet weighs 100 pounds you need an urn that will support up to 100 pounds.

Can I put small mementos in with my pet?

Yes, you may place toys, letters, pictures, mostly anything of this nature with your pet that makes you feel comfortable. The exceptions are anything metal or a toy with batteries.