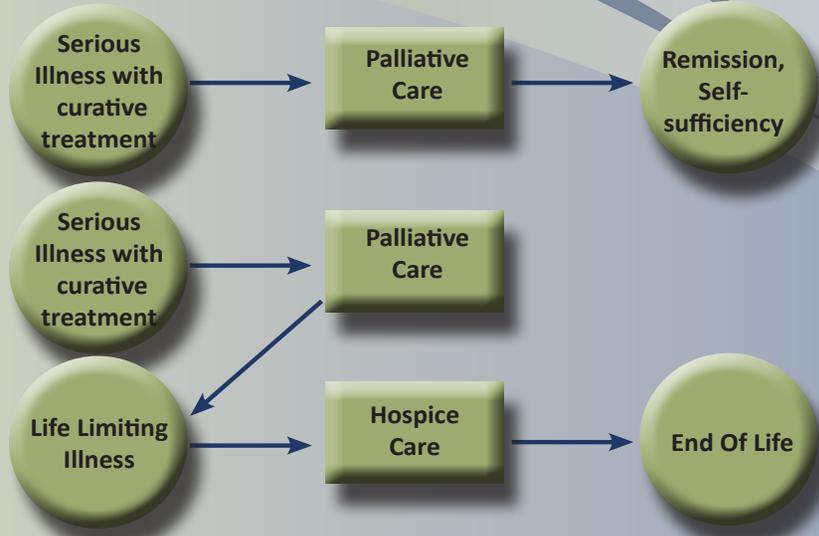


When does my pet need hospice?

Hospice care usually begins when your pet is considered a senior, although that's not always the case. You know your pet the most. When you notice your pet's quality of life decreasing, it may be time to start hospice or palliative care. There are a number of reasons a pet could need hospice care. Pets suffering from osteoarthritis, heart failure, chronic renal failure, and other chronic illnesses may indicate a need for hospice and palliative care. Talk to your pet's primary veterinarian to see if hospice and palliative care is appropriate for your pet's needs.

How does Hospice and Palliative Care work?



"Pet Hospice Infographic", is a derivative of "Hospice Infographic" by Franciscan Health Systems (www.fhshealth.org). Adapted by Iowa Veterinary Specialties

Why choose hospice for my pet?

Your pet is a member of your family. Keeping your pet comfortable during his end of life transition is important to you, as well as your pet. By choosing Iowa Veterinary Specialties Hospice and Palliative Care, it's possible to comfortably prolong your pet's life.

and your pet's disease process. No pet is exactly the same, but all pets deserve compassionate end-of-life care.

What services are offered?

Services can vary between pets based on their individual care needs. Some services offered can include:

- IN-HOSPITAL/IN-HOME TREATMENTS
- MEDICAL/DAILY BOARDING
- ACUPUNCTURE
- ESSENTIAL OILS
- OXYGEN THERAPY
- FLUID THERAPY
- NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT
- PAIN MANAGEMENT

Who will be providing services to my pet?

Although each pet is different, your pet's care team will include:

- YOU AND YOUR PET'S FAMILY
- YOUR PET
- HOSPICE DOCTOR
- HOSPICE TECHNICIAN(S)
- YOUR PET'S REFERRING VETERINARIAN

Is my pet right for Hospice Care?

Any cat or dog in need can be enrolled in our Hospice and Palliative Care Program. Our Hospice team will evaluate your pet and create a custom treatment plan based on your family's needs, your pet's personality,

Your pet's care team can also include:

- CHAPLAIN
- TRAINED VOLUNTEERS
- 24HR. EMERGENCY CARE TEAM
- IN-PERSON/ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP
- PET FUNERAL HOME STAFF