



Family's Concerns

When evaluating your pet's quality of life, both patient and family information is important when reaching an informed and supported choice that fits your pet's medical condition, as well as your wishes and expectations. Quality of life applies not only to the pet, but to you and your family as well.

Score each subsection on a scale of 0-3:

0 = I am not concerned at this time

1 = I have a few concerns and/or questions

2 = I have several concerns and questions

3 = I am very concerned about this

I am concerned about the following:

Pet suffering _____

Ability to perform nursing care for pet _____

Desire to perform nursing care for pet _____

Understanding of current medical diagnosis/conditions of pet _____

Pet passing alone _____

Not knowing the right time to euthanize _____

Concern for other pets _____

Concern for other members of family _____

Coping with loss _____

0-4: Your concerns are minimal at this time. You have either accepted what lies ahead, or have not yet given it much thought. If you have not yet considered these things, now is the time to start considering your concerns and limitations.

5-9: You have some concerns at this time. Begin your search for information by educating yourself on your pet's condition, to ensure you are prepared for the emotional changes ahead. We may be able to offer suggestions or further information at this time to help you in your search.

10-17: Your concerns are mounting. If you have not already, now is the time to educate yourself on your pet's condition. Veterinary guidance is recommended to evaluate your pet's disease process and the path ahead for both you and your pet, to ensure you are prepared for the changes ahead.

18-27: Although you may not place much value on your own quality of life, you have several valid concerns about the changes in your pet. Now is the time to prepare yourself for the inevitable, and build a support system around yourself. Veterinary guidance will help you better understand the end stages of your pet's condition in order to make an informed decision of whether to continue hospice care or elect peaceful euthanasia.

We are so sorry you are going through this process, and please call the office if you have any further questions or concerns