

Detailed description of the home visit.

Arrival

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

- Review and sign the in-home pet euthanasia release form.
- If you have not already pre-paid for services online via Paypal or credit card, Dr. Lusk will review the estimate, desired services, and complete any point-of-sale payments with Square.

Sedation

The sedation injection is an anesthetic that will fully relax your pet. Once everyone is ready, Dr. Lusk will administer the sedative.

- A very small needle is used.
- This is the only part your pet will feel and they will often react much like they do when getting a vaccination, although every individual is different.
- If your pet is still eating, a favorite treat offers a good distraction once the injection is given.
- 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.
- The sedative typically takes, 5-15 minutes, although some pets require a second injection.

Administration

The final injection is an overdose of anesthetic given in the vein.

- Once completely relaxed, Dr. Lusk will place a potty pad under your pet.
- He will ask you if you'd like to spend more time with your pet after s(he) has passed.
- If needed, Dr. Lusk will clip a small area of fur on the outer part of the lower rear leg. His positioning here gives you the best access to your pet.
- A small amount of alcohol will be used to highlight the vein.
- When you are ready, Dr. Lusk will give the final injection in the vein of the rear leg.
- He will then indicate when the heart has stopped, typically within 30 seconds, though it may take a few minutes if your pet is very dehydrated. Your pet's breathing will quicken for a short period and the breaths may become very deep and irregular once the heart has stopped.
- Your pet's eyes will remain open as this is their natural position in death.

Aftercare

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

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

