



PET PEACE OF MIND[®]

Helping patients and their pets

What is Pet Peace of Mind?

Pet Peace of Mind[®] allows hospice patients to complete their end-of-life journey with the comfort and companionship of a pet, without having to worry about their pet's current or future needs.

How *Pet Peace of Mind*[®] assists patients' pets:

- Basic in-home pet care (one to two times per week: dog walking, dog waste clean-up, litter box changing, feeding pets, etc.)
- Deliver pet food
- One-time funding for a routine veterinary visit including vaccinations (additional veterinary care provided on an emergency basis)
- Funding for six months of flea/tick or heartworm medications (to be used only under veterinary supervision)
- Funding for grooming services when medically necessary
- Foster care or placement of the pet when the patient dies

Why have a pet program focused on hospice patients?

As pet lovers, we know that our pets understand when something is wrong, or can sense when we are not feeling well. They comfort us, they ease our tension, they reduce our fear, and they love us no matter what.

We can only try to imagine how much more significant this unique bond is for hospice patients. Their pets offer comfort and companionship



when it's needed most—especially when words are too hard to say.

Unfortunately, many people in hospice care are physically or financially unable to care for their pets, but still benefit greatly from their presence. Simple tasks like feeding, walking, grooming, or taking a pet to the veterinarian are difficult, if not impossible. The *Pet Peace of Mind*[®] program provides solutions to these challenging situations.

***Pet Peace of Mind*[®]** ensures patients' pets are getting all of their needs met with the same loving care their families have given them with the help of Community Hospice & Palliative Care's specially trained volunteers.

Support: Volunteers are needed for temporary fostering, walking dogs, providing waste clean-up, feeding pets and providing transportation to veterinary visits. You can also make a charitable donation to this important program by visiting support.communityhospice.com/donate.

More Information: Please contact the Community Hospice & Palliative Care volunteer coordinator at **904.407.5204** or **CWhitney@communityhospice.com**.

Need Help: If you are a hospice patient or caregiver and need some extra help caring for the dog and/or cat members of your household, please let your care team know.

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