

Mohnacky Animal Hospital Hospice Pet Care Program

The hospice care program provides education, guidance, and a supportive environment for pet-owning families as they cope with the difficult times of pet ownership.

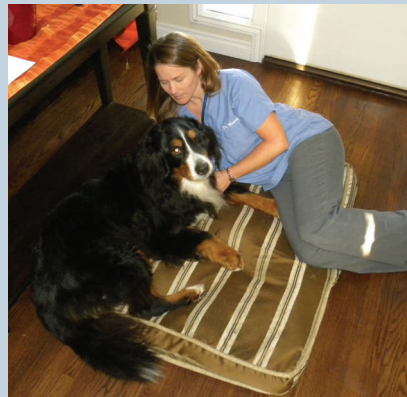
Services provided include:

- ◆ *An initial in-home veterinary visit to assess the family and household dynamics as well as the pet in it's natural environment.*
- ◆ *Once hospice is considered an acceptable fit for the patient a monthly treatment plan is tailored to each individual based upon the patient and family's needs or concerns*
- ◆ *Helping with decision making*
- ◆ *Support before, during and after euthanasia*
- ◆ *In-home euthanasia*
- ◆ *Grief education and a list of professionals for grief management*

To contact Mohnacky Animal Hospitals please call 760-758-8004
Hospice care is available
Monday through Friday, 8-6
and Saturday 8-4

Mohnacky Animal Hospitals
www.mohnackyvet.com
with three existing locations
currently offers hospice care
through our Vista location

971 Vale Terrace Drive
Vista, CA 92084
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Our hospice program was the initial vision of Dr. Craig Mohnacky, who wanted to provide owners a better alternative than was currently available within the veterinary community. The development of this program was a collaborative effort by a team of people that are passionate about patient care and being a resource to the clients at one of the most difficult periods in their life.



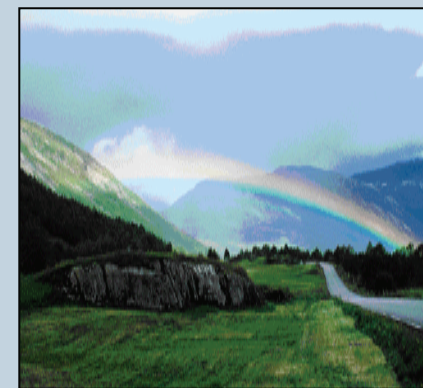
Mohnacky Animal Hospital of Vista

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Hospice Pet Care Program and Home-Euthanasia Offerings

Our Mission is to provide customized home-care dedicated to address and assist with End-of-Life care for pets.



Owner's choices for End-of-Life care (EOL) have now been expanded

Hospice and what it can mean to your Friend



Veterinary Pet Hospice is a type of care and a philosophy of care that focuses on the palliation of a terminally ill patient's symptoms. These symptoms can be physical, emotional, spiritual or social in nature in regards to the client and the pet. Patients that may qualify for veterinary hospice care are the following:

- ◆ Terminally ill cancer patients
- ◆ Chronic respiratory problem (ie. congestive heart failure, laryngeal paralysis or tracheal collapse)
- ◆ Chronic pain (ie. degenerative joint disease or osteosarcoma)

QUALITY OF LIFE SCALE: THE HHHHHMM SCALE

Pet caregivers can use this Quality of Life Scale designed by renowned Dr. Alice Villalobos to determine the success of hospice care.

Score patients using a scale of 1 to 10

SCORE	CRITERION
1-10	HURT-Adequate pain control & breathing is the first criterion assessed. Is the pet's pain adequately managed? Is oxygen supplementation necessary?
1-10	HUNGER- Is the pet eating enough and does hand feeding help? Does the patient require a feeding tube?
1-10	HYDRATION- Is the pet dehydrated? Patients that are determined to not be drinking enough may be supplemented with subcutaneous fluids.
1-10	HYGIENE- The patient should be brushed and bathed with particular attention after elimination. Avoid pressure sores.
1-10	HAPPINESS- Does the pet express joy and interest? Is the pet responsive to things around him or her (family, toys)?
1-10	MOBILITY- Can the pet get up without assistance? Does the pet benefit from human or mechanical help (cart or sling)? Pets with limited mobility can still display a good quality of life as long as caregivers are committed to helping the pet.
1-10	MORE GOOD DAYS THAN BAD- When bad days outnumber good days, quality of life might be compromised. The decision needs to be made if the pet is suffering.
*TOTAL=	*A total of >35 points is acceptable for a good hospice

This brochure is an overview of our hospice care offerings. Please visit our website at www.mohnackkyvet.com for more specifics about our program and informational material regarding hospice in general. We hope you find this information beneficial.