

Understanding Your Aftercare Options

No rush. No pressure. Just the facts.

Option	What happens	Ashes?	Cost	Timeline	Ask provider
Private crem.	Your pet only.	Yes	\$150-350	1-2 wk	Individual or partitioned?
Communal crem.	Multiple pets.	No	\$50-150	N/A	Where are ashes scattered?
Witnessed crem.	You are present.	Yes	\$250-500	Same day	Full process or start?
Aquamation	Water-based.	Yes	\$200-400	1-3 wk	Individual or batched?
Home burial	On your property.	N/A	Varies	Immediate	Depth/water distance?
Natural burial	Biodegradable.	N/A	\$300-800	1-3 days	Biodegradable options?

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR AFTERCARE PROVIDER

1. What is your chain of custody? Will my pet be transported elsewhere?
2. For private cremation — is it truly individual?
3. What urn or container options do you offer? Can I bring my own?
4. What is your timeline for returning ashes?
5. Do you offer paw prints, fur clippings, or nose prints?
6. Is there a viewing or goodbye room available?

MEMORIAL OPTIONS

- Decorative & keepsake urns
- Garden memorial stones
- Photo engraving or portrait
- Ink or clay paw prints
- Jewelry with cremation ash
- Digital memorial at rainbow-meadow.org