

My Animal Companion Care Wishes Introduction



Life can be full of twists and turns, sometimes sudden, affecting your ability to make the kind of health related decisions you desire. You can achieve significant peace of mind by creating an advance care plan - for yourself and your animal companion.

My Animal Companion Care Wishes captures information about the daily and medical care you currently offer your beloved companion; and it specifies the care you desire for your animal companion should you need to assign this responsibility to someone else due to travel, a medical procedure, recovery time or some other event in your life.

Appointing an **Animal Companion Care Agent** who understands your care wishes and will abide by them to the best of their ability is the first step toward accomplishing continuity of care for your animal companion - no matter your condition.

Completing **My Animal Companion Care Wishes** will also help your family members and friends understand the ideal animal companion care you envision. As you complete this document, it may also be helpful to grant your **Animal Companion Care Agent** greater flexibility around your specific expectations in the event that what seems a temporary situation may become a permanent one. After all, your **Animal Companion Care Agent** wants to do the best they can within their means to care for your animal companion.

This document is offered free of charge. If it adds ease and value to your life, please consider making a donation to an animal shelter or rescue facility of your choice.

If you have more than one animal companion, complete a separate My Animal Companion Care Wishes document for each.

If you are inspired to create your personal advance care plan after completing **My Animal Companion Care Wishes**, HeartFull Journey is happy to assist:

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If you have a story to share about how this document has enriched your life, please email us at the above link. Created by Josie Pradella, **HeartFull Journey** End-of-Life guide with input from numerous animal lovers. Wishing you greater peace of mind...



My Animal Companion Care Wishes

In this document I offer details about my animal companion's care and appoint a temporary **Animal Companion Care Agent**, someone nearby who knows and cares about my animal companion and who is someone my animal companion likes. **My Animal Companion Care Agent** has agreed to serve in this capacity and I trust that they are willing to follow my wishes to the best of their ability. I have informed those close to me about **My Animal Companion Care Wishes** along with my animal companion's veterinary service, my animal companion insurer (*if applicable*), my animal companion microchip finder service (*if applicable*) and my Power of Attorney about any agreed upon financial arrangements (*if applicable*).

Details about my **Animal Companion**:

Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Animal Type (*bird, cat, dog, etc.*): _____ **Breed:** _____

Food/Nutrition:

Exercise Regimen and Frequency:

Medical Information (*shots, allergies, surgeries, medications*):

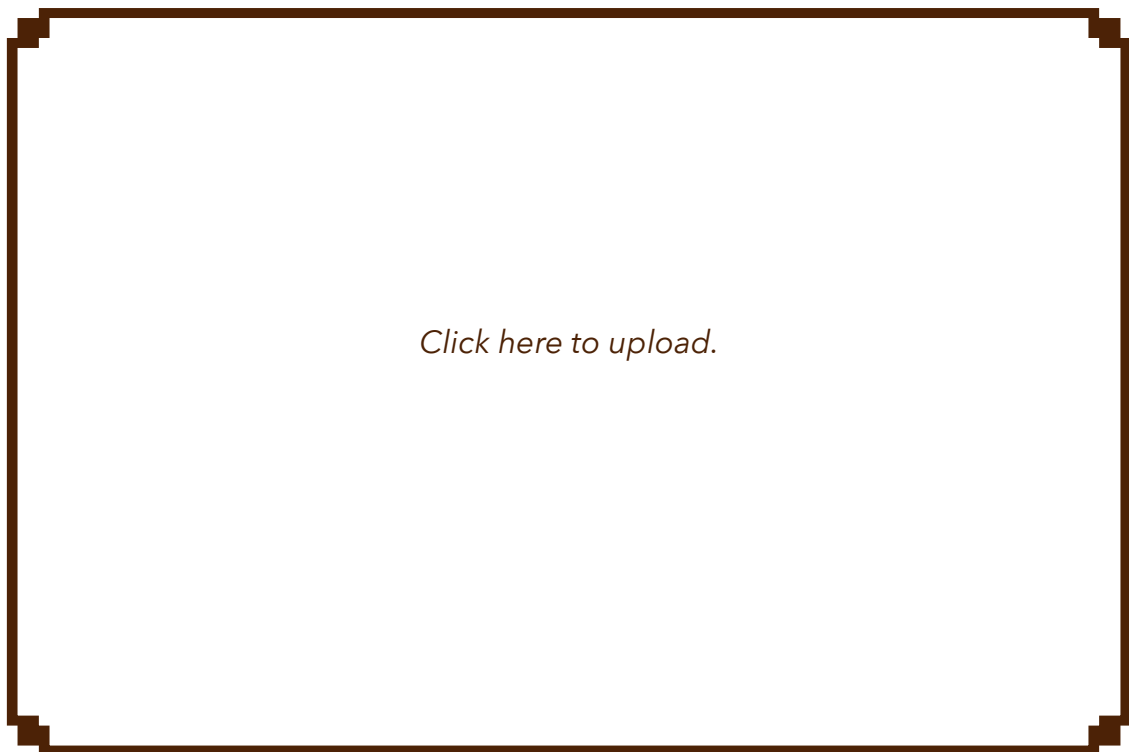
Veterinarian Contact Info:

Additional Care Considerations:

If registered with an animal companion finding organization, provide details:

If you have obtained animal companion insurance, provide details including company and policy number:

Here's a photo of my animal companion *(Adobe users: upload your photo by clicking on the empty frame, then save. Or manually secure your photo onto the printed document):*



I appoint _____ (Agent's full name) as my
Animal Companion Care Agent for _____ (Animal Companion's Name).

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____

I allow my Animal Companion Care Agent to make health decisions for my Animal Companion.

Needed medical services: tests, medicines, or surgery. This care or service is to identify a health problem and how it can be treated. Make decisions about maintaining life or securing medical aid in dying.

Admission to an animal clinic or other facility as needed to maintain health. My Agent can also fire an animal care practitioner if needed.

Authorize any medication or procedure needed to manage pain.

My specific limitations on temporary care:



What to do after you complete your **Animal Companion Care Wishes** document:

Sign the form.

Talk about your **Animal Companion Care Wishes** with your **Animal Companion Care Agent**, family members and others who care about your animal companion. Determine if financial assistance is helpful and make those arrangements. Give them copies of your **Animal Companion Care Wishes**.

Provide a copy to your veterinarian and Power of Attorney.

List here those you wish to give copies of your completed **Animal Companion Care Wishes** document:

If your health situation changes and you are once again able to care for your animal companion, contact your **Animal Companion Care Agent** about returning your animal companion. Wishing you a very happy reunion!

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

