

# PET PEACE OF MIND



Hospice SLO County believes that pets are part of the family and offers services to support the pets of those coping with a life-limiting illness.

Sometimes a much-beloved pet is the most important source of companionship for seriously ill people. As their illness progresses, most pet-owning clients need help with pet care to ensure the bond can continue. Simple tasks like feeding, walking, grooming, and trips to the veterinarian are difficult, if not impossible.

Additionally, almost all seriously ill pet owners are concerned about what will happen to their pets if they can't care for them either due to illness or death.

Our Pet Peace of Mind volunteers help with pet care and if necessary, Hospice SLO County staff can help create a plan to provide a safe and loving foster home or permanent home for our client's pets when they can no longer be with them.

We understand the profound impact that pets can have on our physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. This program allows clients to navigate their illness and/or complete their end-of-life journey with the comfort and companionship of their pet, without worrying about their pet's current or future needs.

## Examples of services volunteers may provide:

- Practical support
- Feeding
- Exercising
- Grooming
- Transportation



\*Animal fostering and rehoming are only available for Hospice SLO County clients.