Whitley Brook
Pet & Equine Crematorium

Your Pet's Farewell
Checklist

Below is a simple checklist of things you may wish to consider when arranging your pet's farewell. If you need any information to make an informed decision, guidance or would like to make the farewell arrangements contact us and speak to a pet cremation professional who will help you.

Planning

☐ Decide if you would like your pet to be cremated

☐ Research cremation options

☐ Speak with a pet cremation professional

☐ Ask for and read the crematorium working standards

☐ Visit the crematorium if possible

☐ Read online reviews for the crematorium

☐ Engage your family in discussions

☐ Document your cremation intentions in writing

☐ Inform your vet of your wishes

☐ Consider things that you would like to do with your pet to create happy memories and capture those precious moments

Before the Individual Cremation

☐ Contact the crematorium to arrange the transfer of your pet into their care

☐ Decide if you would like to be present at the crematorium at the time of your pet's cremation

☐ Request a fur clipping or a clay paw print

☐ Remove the collar and keep hold of any toys or bedding that you wish to keep

☐ Consider what casket or urn you would like

Individual Cremation - Saying Goodbye at the Crematorium

☐ Decide if you would like family members, children or friends to attend the crematorium

☐ Think about if you would like to view your pet's body to say goodbye

☐ Select some music or a video to play (on your own device i.e. phone, tablet etc.)

☐ Write a few words or choose a favourite poem to read out

☐ Decide if you would like to bring a few items to display in the Chapel of Rest, such as some flowers, a picture or a few of your pet's favourite items

☐ Discuss any ideas beforehand with the crematorium professional

☐ Decide if you would like to wait and take the ashes home with you on the day

☐ Write a tribute in the crematorium's Book of Remembrance for others to read

After the Individual Cremation

☐ Choose a casket or urn, if you have not done so already

☐ Consider what you would like to do with the ashes

☐ Decide if you would like to have the ashes scattered or interred at the crematorium, if available

☐ Think about holding a small memorial service or lighting a candle at home

☐ Post a pet memorial on the crematorium website or Facebook page

☐ Decide if you would like to place a memorial leaf on the Crematorium's Remembrance Tree

☐ Consider writing a poem or creating a song in memory of your pet

☐ Decide if you would like to plant a tree or flower in your garden or arrange for one to be placed in crematoriums garden, if this service is available

☐ Make a small donation to an animal charity in memory of your pet

☐ Add a review to the crematorium website to express your feelings and share your experiences

☐ Consider other unique and individual ways to remember and celebrate your pet's life, such as a drawing a picture, arranging for a painting or having a sculpture made