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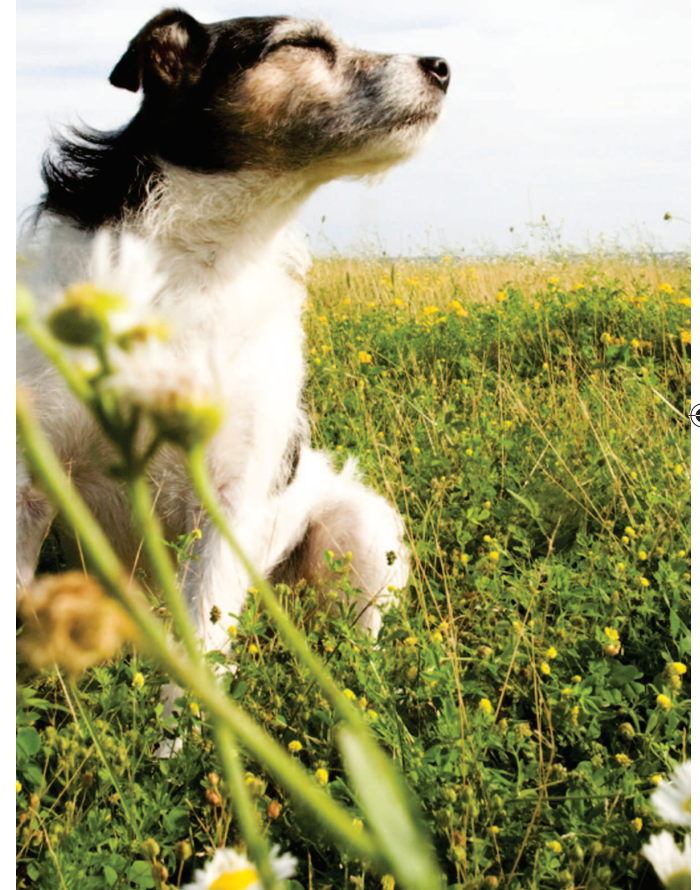
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Saying goodbye to our pets is never easy. The contribution they make in their lifetime is beyond measure.

Their final contribution can be an infinite and lasting one too. The University of Queensland's Educational Memorial Program (EMP) is a chance to find meaning in the loss of a beloved pet, and a way of honouring a wonderful life.



A lasting legacy

The act of giving something back to the pets and vets of the future can bestow a sense of purpose amid the grief and loss.

The Vets of tomorrow

Throughout our pets' lives we rely on a vet's knowledge and expertise to keep our animals healthy and comfortable.

UQ endeavours to produce highly-skilled, compassionate professionals to provide the highest possible quality of care for generations of animals to come.

Taking part in the EMP is an important contribution to the pets and vets of the future – and a way of ensuring that our animals continue to receive high-quality veterinary care.



Just as medical schools use human cadavers to teach anatomy, vet schools use animal cadavers to teach animal anatomy.

Vet students are deeply grateful and respectful of the invaluable learning opportunities provided by the EMP. They recognise the irreplaceable gift they're given, and treat the animals with the utmost respect and dignity at all times.

Which pets are suitable?

Pets that are terminally ill, suffering from a chronic disease or from acute trauma, may be eligible.

What I can do

Please consider the possibility of taking part in this immensely worthwhile program. Talk to your vet about the program and how you can help.

Thank you for your consideration, which is greatly appreciated.



Many people will want to know what happens to pets once their owner chooses to donate their pet's body to this program.

Your pet will be euthanased by the attending veterinarian using the normal procedures used in that clinic. You may, at the discretion of your veterinarian and if you choose to, be present during this procedure. The bodies of donated pets are routinely collected by veterinary school staff and transported to the University in University vehicles as per legislative requirements. Once the veterinary students have finalised their learning of anatomy or post mortem procedures using donated pets, the bodies are cremated



by the University. When making your decision, you need to be aware that the University will not be able to provide any information to owners about their pet with regards to student work and owners are unable to collect their pet's remains for private cremation or burial.

The vet will ask you whether he or she can provide a photocopy of your pet's health history to the University in order to enhance student learning. Any information that would identify you is removed before the student sees the health history and your vet will not provide the University with any of your confidential information. Should you decide to donate your pet's body you will need to complete and sign the University's donation consent form. A copy of this form is available from your vet and the University recommends that you review this form prior to making your decision.

If you have further queries please do not hesitate to contact either your veterinarian or the University's program coordinator Dr Shan Lloyd (contact details over leaf).