

# Local Pet Hospice Launched

Many people consider their pets to be family members. And many know the painful experience of seeing their pet develop a terminal illness or become old and feeble.

"It can be devastating if someone tells you, 'your pet only have a few weeks to live and nothing can be done about it,'" says Castro Valley Veterinarian Dr. Tiffany Ma.

Earlier this year, Dr. Ma launched Compassion Pet Hospice, a customized house-call veterinary practice, after the experience of taking care of her own 17-year-old dog, Lucky, during his end stage of life.

The pet hospice provides care, chronic pain management, and in-home euthanasia, allowing pets to spend their final moments in a place where they are comfortable, surrounded by people that they love and trust.

End-of-life care is a team effort, Dr. Ma says, involving the hospice veterinarian, the pet's regular veterinarian and the pet owner. Together, a point-of-contact can be offered to families who are in need of consultation, hospice care, euthanasia, cremation services and most importantly, support during a difficult time.

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