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BURIAL GUIDELINES AFTER EUTHANASIA

Burial should be performed in accordance with local and state laws/ordinances and with any landlord's authorization if applicable.

To protect human, animal, and environmental health, please follow these guidelines:

1. Before digging, be cautious of buried water, gas, and power lines. We recommend contacting your local utilities companies if you are uncertain of the location of these lines.
2. When burying a pet, ensure that the hole is at least 4ft deep and at least 4ft of earth is placed on top. Likewise, it is important to cover the burial site with rocks or some sort of barrier to prevent digging by wildlife.

Please be aware that:

- Euthanized pet remains are poisonous and fatal to other animals who ingest them
 - Pets that die of a contagious disease should be cremated, if possible
 - A deceased animal may leak body fluids or gases after passing, which may attract scavenging animals
 - Buried animals must not come in contact with any surface bodies of water or groundwater including lakes, streams, rivers, and open drains
 - Deceased animals should not be buried near shorelines, reservoirs, floodplains, or home foundations
 - Animal burial sites should not be located near wells that supply potable drinking water
3. Place a layer of lime at the bottom of the hole and over the body
 4. Compress the earth firmly and level the soil
 5. You are permitted to bury your pet in your yard, provided you own the property or have permission from the owner of the private property.
 6. If you ever sell your property, it is important to notify the buyer of any animal remains that may be buried on the property