

Pet Cremation Authorization Form



MEMORIAL & CREMATION SERVICE, LLC

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Pet ID# _____ Please read the terms and conditions on the reverse side of this document, before completing and signing. Pets at Peace uses a unique stainless-steel disc to track all pet cremations, ensuring 100% identification. This disc will be with your pet from our initial contact, throughout the entire cremation process, and returned back to you, to ensure your peace of mind that you have received your pets cremated remains.

STEP 1: OWNER INFO

Owner/Authorizing Agent: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Veterinary Hospital: _____

PET INFO

Pet's Name: _____
 Species: (Circle One) Dog Cat Other: _____
 Breed: _____
 Weight: _____ Gender: (Circle One) Male Female

STEP 2: Cremation Authorization & Unclaimed Cremated Remains Policy

I/We _____ print name represent that I/We have the right to authorize the cremation of the Pet's remains and warrant that I/We are the Owner or an Agent of the Owner. I/We have read and understand the description of the different available cremation options described on the Terms and Conditions for Pet Cremation Authorization FORM (reverse side of this document). By initialing the cremation option below, I/We authorize the following cremation:

Private Cremation: _____ Semi-Private Cremation: _____ Communal Cremation: _____

I/We have read, understand and agree with the terms and service of both this document and the Terms and Conditions for Pet Cremation Authorization Form. Furthermore, I/We understand and acknowledge that if my pet's cremated remains go unclaimed for a period of 90 days after the cremation, they may be disposed of in a dignified and non-recoverable manner, such as scattering. **Pets at Peace is not responsible for pets collars/or pet items. Owners must contact Pets at Peace for any specific requests.** I/We agree to release and indemnify and hold harmless the Veterinarian, the Funeral Home, the Crematory, their successors, officers, share holders, directors, affiliates, agents and employees, from any and all liability, claims, cost or expense arising from and related to the handling, cremation and release as consistent with the directions, declarations, representations, authorizations and agreements described herein. The obligations of Pets at Peace shall be limited to the cremation of the pet as specified and authorized herein. No warranties, expressed or implied, are made and damages, if any, shall be limited to the amount of the cremation fee paid to Pets at Peace.

Signature(s): _____

STEP 3: PRIVATE CREMATION ONLY

If you select a Private Cremation, you have the opportunity to witness the cremation at our facility located at 1401 Empire Blvd, Webster, NY 14580. If this option is selected, we will contact you to schedule an appointment. **If this option is not selected by the Owner or Veterinary hospital at the time of euthanasia, Pets at Peace will automatically move forward with cremation service. *Pets at Peace does not contact Pet Parents prior to cremation services.***

Opportunity to Witness the Cremation (circle one) Yes No

STEP 4: Service Selection and Itemization

- 1) Cremation Option \$ _____
- 2) Fur Clipping (\$10.00) \$ _____
- 3) Paw Pals impression - \$30 \$ _____
- 4) Home Transfer \$ _____
- 5) Urn \$ _____
- 6) Engraving Plate (\$25.00) Tax \$ _____
- TOTAL DUE \$ _____

STEP 5: Billing and Payment Information

Payment is due upon request for service. For private and semi private cremation, we will contact you when your pet's cremated remains are ready (within 72 hours excluding Weekends & Holidays).

Date Paid ____ / ____ / ____ Cash ____ Check (# _____)

____ Credit Card (Please Circle One: VISA MASTER CARD DISCOVER)

Card# _____

Expiration: _____ CVV#: (on back of card) _____

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Signature: _____

PICK-UP & RETURN INFORMATION (completed by Pets at Peace Staff)

Date / Time of Pick-Up: _____ Initials

Date / Time of Urn Delivery: _____ Initials

Date / Time of Urn Delivery: _____ Initials

Signature of Owner Veterinarian: _____

Signature of Recipient: _____

Signature of Recipient: _____

White: Pets at Peace

Green: Recipient of pet's cremains

Yellow: Recipient of pet's cremains

Pink: Veterinarian

Gold: Pet Parent

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PET CREMATION AUTHORIZATION FORM

The Pet Cremation Authorization Form (on front of document) is required to be completed and signed prior to the cremation of your pet.

CREMATION IS AN IRREVERSIBLE AND FINAL PROCESS. It is important that you understand the cremation process and the different options available. To best understand your choices, we offer our explanations in person, over the phone, or on our website. We recommend you look into this process before signing this Pet Cremation Authorization Form. We are available to answer any questions you may have.

CREMATION PROCESS

The pet is placed in the cremation machine by the certified/licensed crematory staff. Using a suitable fuel that will create intense heat and flame (1400-1800 degrees Fahrenheit) the body of the pet is reduced to basic compounds (calcium compounds). During the cremation process, it may be necessary to open the cremation chamber and reposition the remains of the animal in order to facilitate a complete and thorough cremation. Upon completion of the cremation, all substances are consumed or driven off, except bone fragments (calcium compounds) metal, and other non combustible materials, as the temperature is not sufficient to consume them. Due to the nature of the cremation process, any possessions or materials such as collars, tags or microchips that are left with the animal and not removed prior to cremation may be destroyed or if not destroyed, will be disposed of by the Crematory in a non-recoverable manner. The Authorizing Agent understands that arrangements must be made to remove any such personal possessions or materials prior to the time that the animal is transported to the crematory.

Following a cooling period, the cremated remains shall be recovered by manual means, such as brushing, as well as industry-specific mechanical means, such as vacuuming, in order to retrieve the cremated remains from the cremation chamber. Although the Crematory will make a reasonable and prudent effort to remove all of the cremated remains from the cremation chamber, some dust and other residue from the process will be left behind. Depending on the cremation option, there may or may not be more commingling/mixing of cremated remains. Active commingling can occur between animals during the cremation and/or retrieval process when multiple animals are cremated together in the same chamber. This type of commingling can be minimized with effective partitioning but it is impossible to assert that it can be eliminated entirely. Active commingling cannot, by definition, occur with a private cremation. However, while every effort will be made to avoid commingling, inadvertent or incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residues of previous cremations is possible no matter what type of cremation option selected. The Authorizing Agent understands and accepts that some incidental commingling is possible under any cremation option.

After the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, the calcium compounds often will contain recognizable bone fragments. Unless otherwise specified, after the calcium compounds have been separated from the other non-combustible material, they will be mechanically processed, pulverized. The process of crushing or grinding may cause incidental commingling of the remains with the residue from the processing of previously cremated remains. These granulated particles of unidentifiable dimensions, which are virtually unrecognizable as animal remains, will then be placed into a designated container based on the type of cremation identified on the front of this document (Private, Semi-Private or Communal).

CREMATION OPTIONS

A **PRIVATE CREMATION** is a cremation procedure during which only one animal's body is present in the cremation chamber during the cremation process and the cremated remains of that pet are to be returned to its owner.

A **SEMI-PRIVATE CREMATION** is a cremation procedure during which more than one animal's body is present in the cremation chamber and the cremated remains of specific pets are to be returned. Each pet will have its own private segregated section within the cremation chamber. This is what most pet cremation providers call a private cremation. Due to a number of factors and by virtue of multiple pets being cremated at the same time, active commingling of cremated remains can occur.

A **COMMUNAL CREMATION** is a cremation procedure where multiple pets are cremated together without any form of separation. These commingled cremated remains are not returned to the owners.

WITNESSING

Witnessing a cremation can be an emotional experience. Witnesses are assuming the risks involved and fully release the Funeral Home and Crematory from any liability. To the extent permitted by the Crematory, the persons identified on a Cremation Witness Acknowledgment Form are authorized to be present prior to and during the cremation of the animal's remains and during the removal of the cremated remains from the cremation chamber. Witnessing of any aspect of the cremation and processing procedure shall be in compliance with all applicable law and any safety regulations. If you desire witnesses, you must list the witness names, and all witnesses must sign an additional Cremation Witness Acknowledgment Form.

FINAL DISPOSITION OF CREMATED REMAINS

Following the cremation, the Owner/Authorizing Agent directs the Crematory and/or Funeral Home to undertake the actions that the Owner/Authorizing Agent sets forth with regards to the release or disposition of cremated remains. Cremated remains shall only be released and/or delivered, or disposed of by the Crematory or Funeral Home in a dignified manner, in accordance with the law, and with expressed oral or written consent of the Owner/Authorizing Agent. The Owner/Authorizing Agent understands that if no arrangements for the final disposition of the cremated remains have been made within 90 days after the cremation or if the Owner/Authorizing Agent has not taken delivery of or caused the delivery of the cremated remains, or in the event the arrangements of the final disposition have not been carried out within the 90 day period because of the inaction of a party other than the Crematory, Funeral Home, or Veterinarian, then the Crematory, Funeral Home or Veterinarian may dispose of the cremated remains in any dignified manner, including scattering.