

# CodaPet expands compassionate in-home pet euthanasia services in Des Moines, IA

*The veterinarian-owned startup empowers a network of veterinarians who provide in-home euthanasia to ease the passing of pets at home, surrounded by loved ones.*

DES MOINES, IA, UNITED STATES, July 2, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A new veterinarian has joined CodaPet's expanding network in [Des Moines, IA](#).

The company provides peaceful [in-home pet euthanasia](#) through a network of compassionate and licensed veterinarians who offer end-of-life care for pets at home. In-home pet euthanasia is the best experience for dogs and cats and their families because their home is where they feel most familiar and comfortable. [Dr. Lauren Larsen](#) joins Dr. Anne Szczotka and Dr. Caitlin Klepper to serve Des Moines and surrounding cities.

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“As an in-home euthanasia veterinarian, I repeatedly hear the heartfelt gratitude and the relief a family feels when they have been able to grant their pet this gift,” says Dr. Karen Whala, a co-founder of CodaPet. “It is my wish that every family in Des Moines become aware of at-home pet euthanasia so they may provide a peaceful and

compassionate end-of-life experience for their beloved pets when their time comes.”

Dr. Karen Whala, Dr. Gary Hsia, and Dr. Bethany Hsia are co-founders and veterinarians of CodaPet. They share a passion for increasing both customer access and awareness by empowering a network of veterinarians who provide compassion and professional care to more pets and their families in a familiar environment.

"I am passionate about providing peaceful end-of-life care for pets, while helping to support their owners during a difficult process," says Dr. Lauren Larsen. If you're a pet parent in the Des Moines area, you may already know Dr. Larsen or someone who's been lucky enough to have her care for their furry family member. An Iowa native through and through, Dr. Larsen brings



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not only years of veterinary experience but also a deep connection to our local community.

After earning her undergraduate degree from Colorado State University, Dr. Larsen returned home to attend Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, graduating in 2014. She now lives just outside the city on a quiet acreage with her husband, four kids, and a small crew of beloved animals, dogs, cats, and horses included.

From the time she was a little girl, Dr. Larsen knew she wanted to be a veterinarian. "I've always loved animals, but it's really the relationships with both pets and their people that make this work so meaningful," she says.

Whether it's learning about a pet's goofy quirks or helping a family through a difficult goodbye, she's deeply committed to providing care that feels personal, supportive, and kind.

When she's not working, you'll likely find her bargain hunting at local shops, getting lost in a good book, or spending time outside with her kids and animals.

Dr. Larsen is proud to serve Des Moines, Ames, Cambridge, Huxley, Slater, Alleman, Elkhart, Maxwell, Shaldahl, Kelley, Ankeny, Polk City, Bondurant, Nevada, Madrid, and the surrounding communities.

### How In-home Pet Euthanasia Works

Through CodaPet's website, pet parents can easily book in-home pet euthanasia performed by a licensed vet.

Before the appointment, the vet contacts the family to address any questions or concerns they might have.

The vet assists the family by going over the diagnosis and applying a quality-of-life assessment to objectively assess the pet's health and ensure there is no uncertainty about the need for euthanasia.

For those who need support with aftercare, CodaPet can also assist with transportation and



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cremation services.

The visit takes, on average, one hour. Pet parents have a window of time to be with their pets privately before and after the euthanasia procedure, which lasts about 15 minutes. The vet only starts the euthanasia process when everyone is ready. This helps bring closure to all family members involved in the end-of-life care of a pet.

## In-home Pet Euthanasia Costs

The starting price of in-home euthanasia starts at \$300 in Des Moines. The aftercare and cremation price begins at \$38 and varies depending on factors such as the driving distance, the pet's size, and the option for private or communal cremation.

Benefits of In-home Pet Euthanasia include:

1. **Familiar and Comfortable Environment:** One of the primary advantages of in-home euthanasia is that it allows pets to remain in a familiar and comfortable environment during their final moments. Being in a place they know well can help reduce anxiety and fear, providing a sense of security and peace. This can be particularly beneficial for pets who may be stressed or anxious when visiting a veterinary clinic.
2. **Reduced Stress and Anxiety:** For many pets, visiting a veterinary clinic can be a source of stress and anxiety. The unfamiliar smells, sounds, and sights can cause fear and discomfort, making the euthanasia process more challenging for both the animal and their owner. In-home euthanasia eliminates these stressors, allowing pets to be in a calm and relaxed state during their last moments.
3. **Enhanced Emotional Support:** In-home euthanasia provides an opportunity for pet owners to say goodbye to their beloved companions in a private and intimate setting. Being able to surround themselves with familiar surroundings and loved ones can offer emotional support during this difficult time. Additionally, having control over the environment allows owners to create a peaceful atmosphere that promotes healing and closure.
4. **Personalized Care:** In-home euthanasia allows for personalized care tailored to the specific needs of each pet and their family. Veterinarians who provide this service often take the time to understand the unique circumstances surrounding the decision, offering guidance, empathy, and compassion throughout the process. This personalized approach ensures that both the pet's physical comfort and emotional well-being are prioritized.
5. **More Time for Goodbyes:** In a veterinary clinic setting, there may be time constraints due to the need to accommodate other appointments. In-home euthanasia allows for more flexibility, ensuring that there is ample time for owners to say their final goodbyes and spend quality time

with their pets before and after the procedure. This additional time can be invaluable in the grieving process and can help facilitate closure.

6. Minimized Travel Discomfort: For pets who are experiencing pain or discomfort, traveling to a veterinary clinic can exacerbate their condition. In-home euthanasia eliminates the need for transportation, reducing any potential discomfort or stress associated with traveling. This is particularly beneficial for pets with mobility issues or those in advanced stages of illness.

7. Control Over the Process: In-home euthanasia provides pet owners with a greater sense of control over the entire process. They can choose the timing, location, and atmosphere in which their pet's life will end. This control can help alleviate feelings of helplessness and allow owners to feel more empowered during a challenging and emotional time.

8. Privacy and Dignity: In-home euthanasia allows pets to pass away peacefully in the presence of their loved ones, maintaining their dignity until the very end. The privacy of home euthanasia ensures that the process remains intimate and personal, allowing owners to grieve without feeling rushed or exposed.

## About CodaPet

CodaPet is expanding quickly and currently supports a network of veterinarians that offer peaceful at-home pet euthanasia services in over 100 cities. Our network of compassionate and licensed veterinarians are available to help your beloved pet pass peacefully surrounded by family and all the safety and comforts of home. For more information or to schedule an appointment visit [www.codapet.com](http://www.codapet.com) or call 1-833-CodaPet. CodaPet is expanding rapidly; if you are a veterinarian interested in learning more or offering this service in your area, please visit <https://www.codapet.com/vets>.

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