



## HOSPICE CARE COVERAGE

### WHAT MUTTVILLE COVERS FOR HOSPICE DOGS:

Muttville provides hospice dogs palliative care in order to help relieve suffering and improve the quality of life for dogs with serious, chronic, and life-threatening illnesses. Muttville covers the cost of hospice medical care with Muttville Veterinary Partner Hospitals, as outlined below. Hospice adopters may use a veterinary hospital that is not a Muttville Veterinary Partner, but itemized invoices are required and are subject to approval for reimbursement.

### Items covered:

- Tests and re-tests, as determined by the treating veterinarian and subject to approval by Muttville (such as blood or urine tests, x-rays, etc.)
- Pain management to help dogs remain comfortable
- Prescription food
- Vaccinations
- Flea and deworming treatments
- Medications for chronic conditions
- Subcutaneous fluids
- Euthanasia services and communal cremation
- Antibiotics for infections
- Care items available in our donation inventory
- Acupuncture with Muttville's volunteer acupuncturists (every Wednesday 12pm-3pm. Email [vettech@muttville.org](mailto:vettech@muttville.org) for an appointment)

### WHAT MUTTVILLE DOES NOT COVER FOR HOSPICE DOGS:

Hospice parents may choose to pursue more extensive treatments themselves if they are in a financial position to do so and if it is in the dog's best interest.

### Items NOT covered:

- Surgery or anything requiring anesthesia
- Advanced diagnostics (i.e. ultrasounds, CT scans, MRIs)
- Hospitalizations over 24 hours
- Offsite physical therapy and acupuncture
- Radiation, chemotherapy
- Food (except for prescription diets)
- Supplements, fish oil
- Pee pads
- Boarding services at headquarters or elsewhere
- Private cremation with ashes returned
- Grooming services
- House cleaning services

### QUESTIONS?

#### Hospice Contact Information

#### Hospice Team:

[hospicecare@muttville.org](mailto:hospicecare@muttville.org)

#### All Medical Questions:

[vettech@muttville.org](mailto:vettech@muttville.org)

415-272-4172, ext. 703

#### Billing:

[accountspayable@muttville.org](mailto:accountspayable@muttville.org)

#### Address:

Muttville Senior Dog Rescue

255 Alabama Street

San Francisco, CA 94103

### EMERGENCY CARE:

Adopters are responsible for all emergency care and will be reimbursed for covered treatments as listed above.

I have read and understand the palliative care coverage plan as outlined above:

Adopter's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please share this document with your treating veterinarian.*