



## **MUTTVILLE HOSPICE CARE COVERAGE**

### ***WHAT MUTTVILLE COVERS FOR HOSPICE DOGS:***

Muttville provides palliative care for hospice dogs, aimed at relieving suffering and improving the quality of life for dogs with serious, chronic, and life-threatening illnesses. Muttville will cover the cost of hospice medical care with a Muttville Veterinary Partner Hospital. If hospice adopters would like to utilize a veterinary hospital that is not a Muttville Veterinary Partner, Muttville will reimburse hospice adopters for the cost of palliative care. An itemized invoice is required for reimbursement. Reimbursement amounts are subject to approval by Muttville's Veterinary Programs Manager and the CEO.

#### ***Items covered:***

- Tests/re-tests, as determined by Muttville (such as blood or urine tests, x-rays, ultrasounds, etc.)
- Pain management to help dogs remain comfortable
- Prescription food
- Vaccinations
- Medications for chronic conditions
- Flea and deworming treatments
- Subcutaneous fluids
- Euthanasia services
- 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:***

Being a hospice parent is a combination of being a hospice caretaker and adopter. Muttville provides for the dog's palliative care, vaccinations, and end of life services. The hospice parent provides for the dog's day-to-day care and in-home treatment as necessary. 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
- Physical therapy
- Acupuncture
- Radiation, chemotherapy
- Food (except for prescription diets)
- Supplements, fish oil
- Pee pads
- Boarding services at headquarters or elsewhere
- Grooming services
- House cleaning services

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