This worksheet is designed to initiate the process of thinking about end-of-life issues before the critical moments. This should allow you to make decisions before emotions run high and is designed to eliminate feelings of guilt related to having made decisions against your core values in the critical moments. We invite you to take as much time as you need to complete this questionnaire. A veterinarian and/or social work professional will be available to answer any questions that you may have. Also, please know that your responses to these questions will not be included in the patient's record and will not affect or authorize consent in any way for adjustments in the plan of care for your animal.

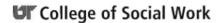
Client:	Patient:	Date:				
What is the overall goal of ca	re for (insert the na	ime of you	ır an	imal*)? What are we aiming for?	
What is the most important t	hing to you when considering		_'s e	nd-of	-life treatment?	
What are your thoughts abou	t euthanasia?					
What would be the appropria (You may answer yes to more than or	te time for cuthanasia for ne symptom/situation.)					
♥ If he/she is feeling pain?		yes	or	no		
V If he/she can no longer u	rinate and/or defecate on his/her own	yes	or	no		
Fig. If he/she starts to experie	ence seizures?	yes	or	no		
Fig. If he/she has become vio	lent beyond control?	yes	or	no		
VIf he/she has stopped eat	ing?	yes	or	no		
Fig. If he/she is no longer act	ing like himself/ herself?	yes	or	no		
Fig. If he/she has a condition	that will only worsen with time?	yes	or	no		
Fif the veterinary team rec	commends euthanasia?	yes	or	no		
	commends euthanasia, but the required tyou listed above are not present?	yes	or	no		
F If financial limitations pr	ohibit treatment?	yes	or	no		
Other/Comments						



Would it ever be appropriate for the veterinarian to euthanize without your presence? yes or no If yes, please explain.
We recognize at Veterinary Social Work that it can be difficult to think about money when dealing with the life of your pet; however, it is appropriate and important to consider your financial limitations when considering care. With this being said, what is your financial limit for treatment?
When would it or would it not be appropriate to take steps toward resuscitating?
If a traumatic event occurred, who would you contact and when would you contact them?
If euthanasia or death occurs, would you like a necropsy (animal form of autopsy) completed on
What are your plans for's remains? (home burial, cemetery burial, cremation, etc.)
List any other thoughts, values or goals that you have regarding the end-of-life treatment of

*We use the term "animal" because we respect that each of us has a unique relationship with our animal. People can consider their animals as family members, children, friends and companions. People may also consider their animals as resources, such as the farmer who stewards cattle or other livestock. We respect the uniqueness of each human-animal relationship and seek to support that unique relationship in whatever way is deemed helpful.

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