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*Through the UQ Educational  
Memorial Program you can  
make their final contribution  
a meaningful and lasting one.”*



Honouring a wonderful life.



## Educational Memorial Program (EMP)

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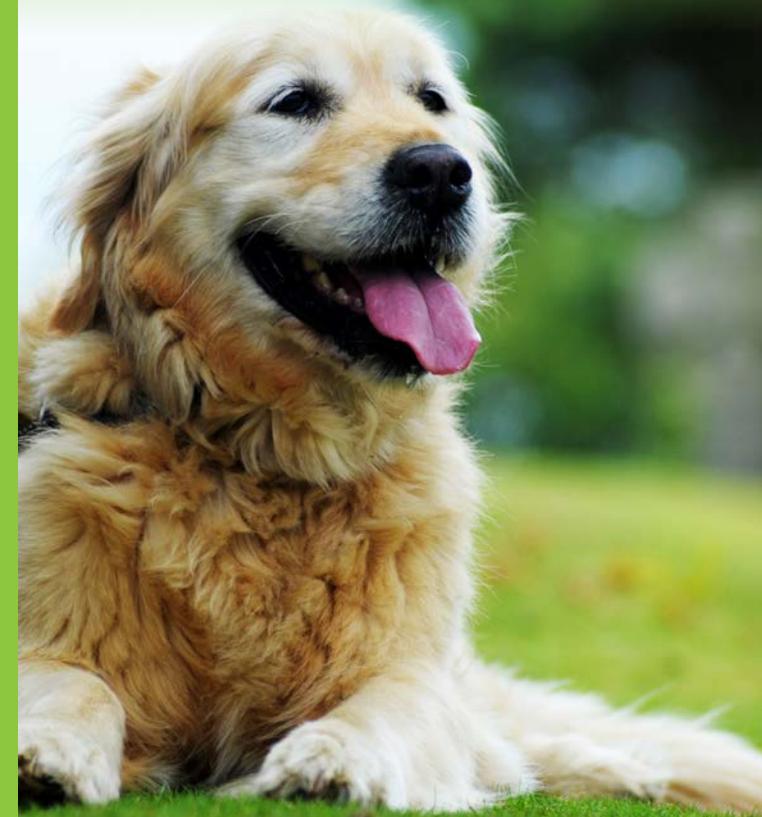
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**Saying goodbye to our pets is never easy. The contribution they make in their lifetime is beyond measure.**

**Their final contribution can be an infinite and lasting one too. The University of Queensland's Educational Memorial Program (EMP) is a chance to find meaning in the loss of a beloved pet, and a way of honouring a wonderful life.**

### **A lasting legacy**

The act of giving something back to the pets and vets of the future can bestow a sense of purpose amidst the grief and loss.

### **The Vets of tomorrow**

Throughout our pets' lives we rely on a vet's knowledge and expertise to keep our animals healthy and comfortable.

UQ endeavours to produce highly-skilled, compassionate professionals to provide the highest possible quality of care for generations of animals to come.

Taking part in the EMP is an important contribution to the pets and vets of the future – and a way of ensuring that our animals continue to receive high-quality veterinary care.

Just as medical schools use human cadavers to teach anatomy, vet schools use animal cadavers to teach animal anatomy.

**Vet students are deeply grateful and respectful of the invaluable learning opportunities provided by the EMP.**

**They recognise the irreplaceable gift they are given, and treat the animals with the utmost respect and dignity at all times.**

### **Which pets are suitable?**

Pets that are terminally ill, suffering from a chronic disease or from acute trauma, may be eligible.

### **What can I do?**

Please consider the possibility of taking part in this immensely worthwhile program. Talk to your vet about the EMP program and how you can help.



### **What happens to my pet once I choose to donate its body?**

Your pet will be euthanised by the attending veterinarian using the normal procedures used in that clinic. You may, if you choose to, and at the discretion of your veterinarian, be present during this procedure. The body of your pet is collected by veterinary school staff and transported to the University in a UQ vehicle as per legislative requirements. Once the veterinary students have finalised their learning of anatomy or post mortem procedures on your pet, the body is buried by the University. When making your decision, you need to be aware that the University will not be able to provide any information to you about your pet with regards to student work and you are unable to collect your pet's remains for private cremation or burial.

### **Health history of your pet**

The vet will ask you whether he or she can provide a photocopy of your pet's health history to the University in order to enhance student learning. Any information that would identify you is removed before the student sees the health history and your vet will not provide the University with any of your confidential information.

### **How do I proceed?**

Should you decide to donate your pet's body please complete and sign the University's donation consent form. A copy of this form is available from your vet and the University of Queensland recommends that you review this form prior to making your decision.

If you have further queries please don't hesitate to contact either your veterinarian or the University of Queensland's EMP coordinator (contact details see on the back).

Thank you for your consideration, which is greatly appreciated.