

CodaPet expands compassionate in-home pet euthanasia services to Ames, IA, and surrounding areas.

The veterinarian-owned startup empowers a network of veterinarians who provide peaceful in-home euthanasia to ease the passing of pets at home.



AMES, IA, UNITED STATES, June 26, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- CodaPet has officially expanded to [Ames, IA](#), with support from a trusted local vet,

offering pet owners the comfort and convenience of at-home care. 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. Anne Szczotka](#) will be servicing Ames and the surrounding areas following Dr. John Murray's recent relocation to Palatine, IL.

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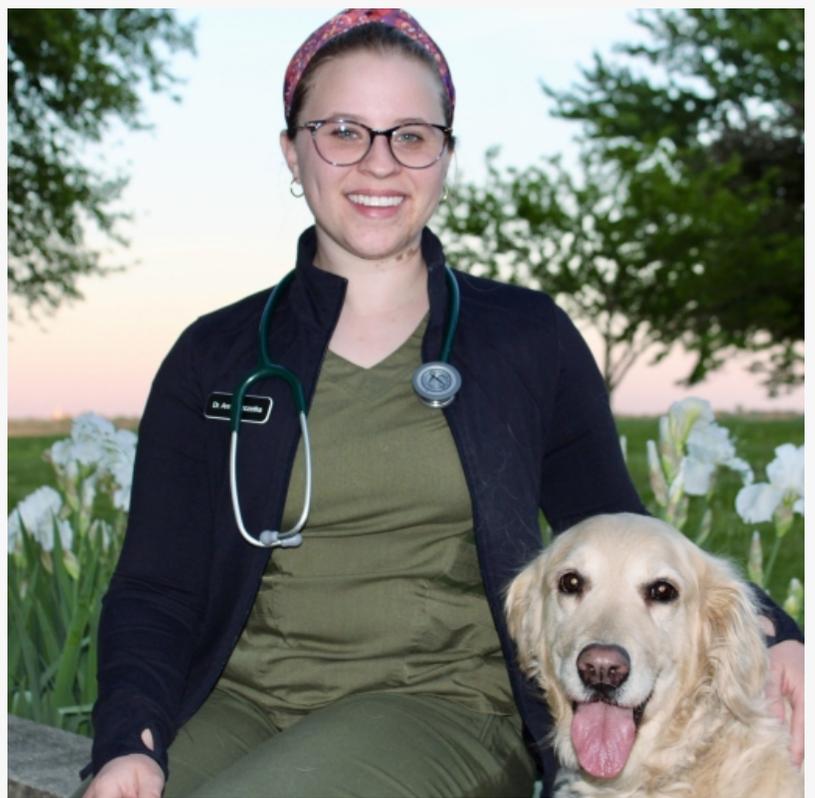
Dr. Anne Szczotka

“It’s my wish that every family in Ames becomes aware that in-home euthanasia is an option so they have an

opportunity to provide a final gift of love to their beloved pet,” says Dr. Gary Hsia. “I was fortunate enough to be able to experience this with my dog Kylie a few years earlier surrounded by family. It really reduced her anxiety and helped my young kids bid farewell to their first dog. She was able to pass peacefully in the comfort of our home, doing what she loved most, sunny bathing in the grass.”

Dr. Gary Hsia, Dr. Bethany Hsia, and Dr. Karen Whals 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 offering IHE to provide a peaceful service and avoid added stress on animals and those that love them," says Dr. Anne Szczotka. Dr. Szczotka has always felt at home around animals. Growing up in rural Pennsylvania, her love for creatures big and small led her to pursue a degree in biology at The Ohio State University, and later her veterinary degree at Iowa State University. Today, she splits her time between working in animal agriculture and providing at-home euthanasia services for families in Ames, Des Moines, and the surrounding areas.



In Home Pet Euthanasia Mobile Veterinarian

During her time in both emergency and general veterinary practice, Dr. Szczotka found that some of the most powerful and heartfelt moments came during end-of-life care. "There is so much tenderness and love in those final goodbyes," she says. "It's where the strength of the human-animal bond really shines."

Dr. Szczotka believes that saying goodbye to a beloved pet should happen in a space that feels safe and familiar, surrounded by love. Her approach is centered on empathy, respect, and honoring the deep relationships people share with their animals.

Whether it's in the barn or the living room, Dr. Szczotka brings a quiet strength and calming presence to every visit, ensuring each family feels supported and every pet is treated with dignity and kindness in their final moments.

Dr. Szczotka serves Des Moines, Ames, Ankeny, West Des Moines, Urbandale, Marshalltown, Fort Dodge, Waukee, Johnston, Altoona, Clive, Boone, and the surrounding areas.

Benefits of In-home Pet Euthanasia include:

1. **Compassion:** In-home pet euthanasia allows for a more compassionate approach to end-of-life care. Pets can be surrounded by their loved ones, receive individual attention and care, and pass away peacefully in a familiar environment.
2. **Comfort:** One of the most significant benefits of in-home pet euthanasia is the comfort it

provides to both the pet and their owners. The familiar surroundings of home can help reduce anxiety and stress for pets, making the process more peaceful. Additionally, being surrounded by loved ones can provide a sense of comfort and support during a difficult time.

3. Closure: Being able to say goodbye in a meaningful way can be an essential part of the grieving process. In-home pet euthanasia allows for a more intimate farewell, which can provide closure and help with the healing process.

4. Control: In-home pet euthanasia also allows pet owners to have more control over the process. They can choose the time and place of the euthanasia, as well as who will be present. This can help alleviate feelings of powerlessness and allow for a more personalized experience. In addition, in-home euthanasia allows owners to personalize the experience, including choosing the location, music, lighting, and other factors that can make the experience more meaningful.

How In-home Pet Euthanasia Works

Through CodaPet, pet parents can easily book in-home pet euthanasia performed by a compassionate and licensed veterinarian. Prior to the appointment, the veterinarian contacts the family to address any questions or concerns they might have. At the appointment, the veterinarian 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.

The visit takes, on average, 45 minutes. Pet parents have a window of time to be with their pets privately before and after the euthanasia procedure. The veterinarian 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. For those who need support with aftercare, the veterinarian can assist with transportation and cremation services.

[In-home Pet Euthanasia Costs](#)

The cost of in-home euthanasia starts at \$300 in Ames, IA. Aftercare ranges from \$45 - \$365, but the final price depends on factors such as the driving distance, the pet's size, and the option for private or communal cremation. The company also offers out-of-hours appointments for an additional fee.

About CodaPet

CodaPet is expanding quickly and currently supports a network of veterinarians that offer peaceful at-home pet euthanasia services over 90 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 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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