

## EUTHABAG<sup>®</sup> USER GUIDE



The mission at EUTHA**BAG** is to provide veterinary teams with tools to improve the euthanasia experience for everybody involved.

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• A team of vet techs, pet lovers and vets helping vet teams **FEEL better** around euthanasia

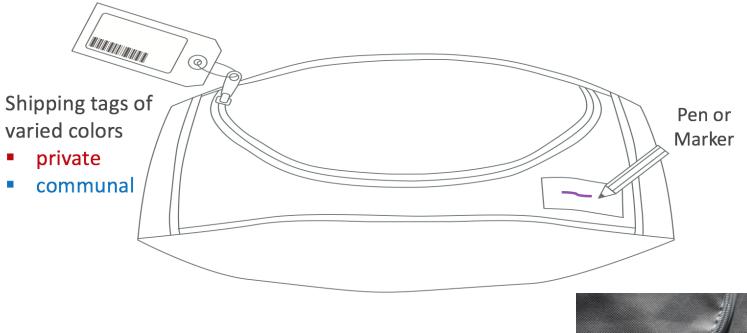


# Technical Guide

Get the most out of EUTHABAG

#### Identification

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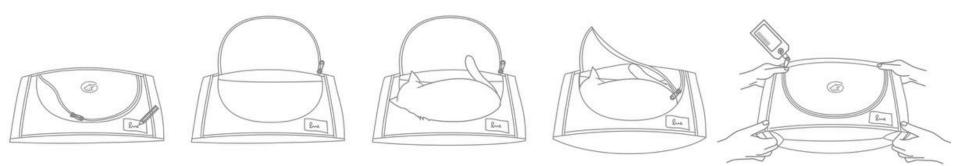




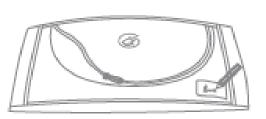
The curve of the animals back should be aligned with the curve of the zipper

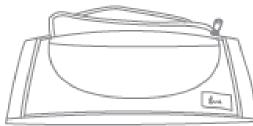
Putting the rear end first will make insertion easier.

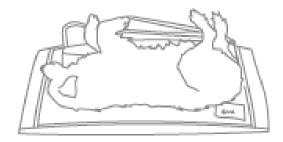
- a better view for clients that return to see their pet
- a sense of closure for clients that want to close the bag themselves



### Insertion



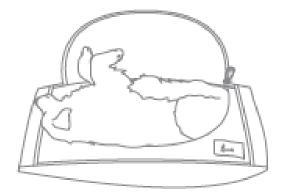




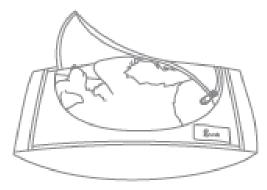
Identify the EUTHABAG with a pen or a marker

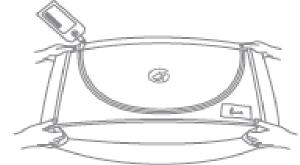
Unzip the top flap and tuck it underneath

Place animal over the opening, aligning the head to the left (like the logo) and the curve of the back with the zipper



Insert the rear end of the animal first





Tuck both front legs and head gently into the bag

Transport using the 4 integrated handles located in the 2 pleats on each end A shipping tag can be attached to the zipper

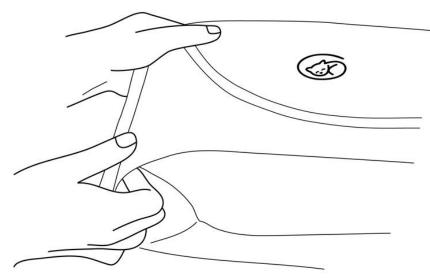
Use the integrated handles created at both ends by the pleats

Specially designed for larger animals 4 layers of fabric in the pleats for more resistance

No stretcher needed < 35kg



### Handles







Place EUTHA**BAG** flat on the table with the flap open and tucked underneath.

A blanket can then be placed over the open bag.

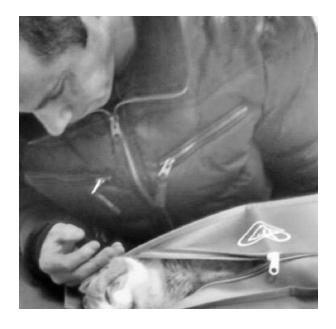
Euthanasia is performed.

The family is asked if they want to be present during placement of the body

The blanket is removed, with pet being already in place, so that minimal manipulation is required. Place the rear end into the bag first, then tuck front paws and the head in. The pet parents may want to zip it themselves.

#### The family closing the bag

Transform one's inner turmoil into a practice building opportunity



#### Family Involvement

Closing the bag can be an important added value.

An image that will long follow them.

It comforts them

Provides closure

For the family, it can help close a chapter: saying goodbye to their companion instead of leaving them behind on the table A drawing can be placed into the EUTHABAG as a final goodbye.



# Distraction & Closure

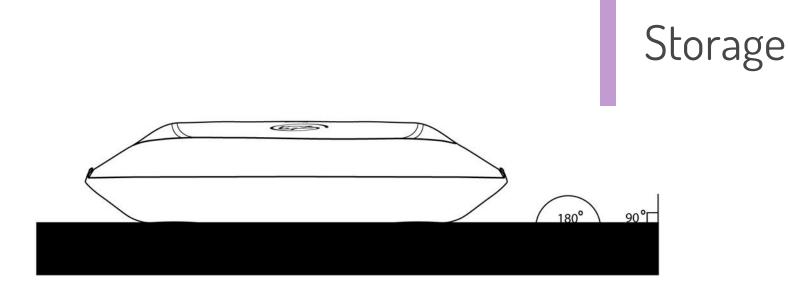












Store flat and ensure the body is placed in a natural position for families that may return to see their pet or change their mind.

For take-homes, accompany the owner to the car and make sure the body is placed flat as the family may be disoriented/devastated.

### Ecology



Water based ink and vegetal based glue Made with recycled material







For both CREMATION and BURIAL

### **Biodegradable**?





#### **NOT IMMEDIATELY and for good reasons!**

- Pentobarbital can leach into soil or water and wild and domestic animals can be intoxicated.
- Remains accidentally dug up by unsuspecting individuals, animal or humans, should be contained.
- More and more families exhume their pet's body when they move.
- It's more practical if contained. The remains could then be safely cremated in a EUTHABAG.

Download **HOW TO BURY A PET** handout on euthabag.com/handouts



### Discretion

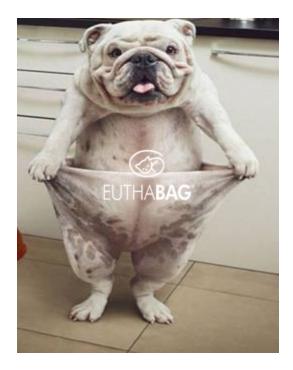
The sight of a big syringe and needle can be shocking to some clients.

Putting all your material in a EUTHA**BAG** XS is handy and looks professional.

#### Resources for the vet team

- How to bury a pet handout
- **BEAP** and **feline grimace** pain scale
- Quality of Life Questionnaire
- Memory aid for the material
- Memory aid for topics to tackle
- Handout on Children and Pet loss
- Sympathy card wording

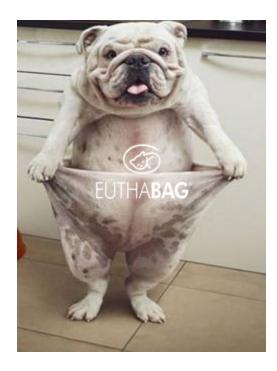
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#### **Resources for families**

- Books on animal grief
- **Poems** and Articles
- Children and grief
- Stages of Grief
- Ways to honor your pet
- FAQ on Aftercare
- Coloring pages

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