

facilities including the MAYO Research Clinic, Duke University and UCLA. Using water flow, temperature and alkalinity, it accelerates the process of natural decomposition. Following Aquamation, only the animal's bones remain in the form of a fine sand.

At Peaceful Pets Aquamation, each step of the process is designed to reassure pet owners that their companion animal's remains are being handled with dignity and that they have made a choice that is far better for the planet than cremation. From the customized refrigerated van used in transporting pets, the specially trained teams ready to comfort mourning pet owners and an office akin to a sanctuary featuring vivid colorful new age mosaics to the paw-print mementos and biodegradable urns — Shevick is revolutionizing after-life care for pets.

While Peaceful Pets Aquamation offers higher quality and environmentally friendly services, its prices are comparable to traditional cremation services in the Southland. Peaceful Pets has affiliated with a network of veterinarians in Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara and Orange Counties to provide services to their clients' pets.

"It offers more to our clients, and I think that's always a nice thing for the end-of-life decisions we have to make for our pets", said Dr. Janis Shinkawa of Ohana Pet Hospital in Ventura, CA. "People ask questions before it's time for euthanasia, and by the time they do the euthanasia they already know they want aquamation as a service"

In addition, pet owners can contact Peaceful Pets directly to arrange for after-care for their animals.

"Losing a pet in any circumstance is painful, but our experience with Peaceful Pets helped a great deal," said Dianne D. of Pasadena. "The remains of our beloved cat Gingko were delivered back to us yesterday...delivered not by mail or courier, but by hand by one of the owners. She was genuinely sympathetic, and even let us cry for a moment on her shoulder."

Client Jason D. of Antioch, CA, echoed that sentiment.

"I feel like our dog was treated with care and the utmost respect. I highly recommend them as an alternative to cremation," he said.

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