

Animal Disposal

Chemically euthanized animals contain enough residual sodium pentobarbital to kill wild animals. Eagles and other raptors are especially at risk in the Chilkat Valley.

Eagles and other migratory birds are protected by several federal statutes, treaties, and regulations including Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and Endangered Species Act. Veterinarians and animal owners who improperly dispose of animal carcasses that lead to the poisoning of protected species, such as eagles, may expose themselves to legal action under one or more of these laws. Maximum fines for killing a bald eagle or another protected bird can run as high as \$100,000 for an individual and \$200,000 for an organization. Fines for killing other migratory birds can run as high as \$10,000.

There are three options in Haines to safely dispose of a euthanized pet.

VFS Pet Cremation in Juneau provides cremation services. They have a variety of options available to the pet owner. A complete description can be found at www.vfspetcremation@rpaak.com or they can be reached at 907-789-3225.

Haines Sanitation provides pet burial services at the landfill site. They have a site set aside on a hill for pet burial. They respectfully bury the animals deeply and safely. This service is free, provided you supply a bag of lime with which to bury the animal (costing approximately \$10). They can be reached at 766-2736.

Pets may be buried on your property providing you keep clean water regulations in mind. These regulations can be obtained from the State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation. They can be reached at 907-465-5153 or www.dec.state.ak.us/water.

I acknowledge that I have received and understand this information and assume full responsibility of the disposal of my animal's remains.

Owner signature:	Date:
Euthanasia tech's signature:	Date: