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Synopsis

Across the board, dying and death are pretty heavy topics. Deciding if your dog will live or die will be the most difficult decision you will have to make as a pet owner. Trying to decide is gut-wrenching and stressful enough, but living with your decision can be even more difficult. Hope Morgan offers valuable information, advice and examples to help you navigate your way through this emotionally charged experience. Hope is the Executive Director of Little Old Dog Sanctuary, a hospice for senior and special needs dogs. Over 100 dogs have died in her arms while spending the last months (or years) of their lives with her, and during that time there were a lot of questions she's had to answer for herself. How do you know when it's time? Should you let your dog die naturally or have it euthanized? Should they die at home or at the vet's office? What would warrant having your dog put to sleep? Is it different for different dogs? How do you decide? What if you don't want to decide? What if you do it too early? What if you wait too long? What questions should you be asking your vet? What questions should you be asking yourself? What is the death process like and what should you expect? What should you do with the dead dog's body? How do you move on? How do you cope with ANY of this? Hope knows that death and dying are pretty complex issues, but one fundamental tenet never changes...Death is inevitable. Regret is not. Make sure you do the right thing. Your dog is depending on you. Don't blow it.

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Customer Reviews

I choose this rating because I love being in the company of older Dogs and with that responsibility I must be the one to make that heartbreaking decision. I live alone and have no one to help me. This book made me feel good or at least better about my decision concerning this subject I have an 8year old corgi who is about to go. This was a good read for me

Hope and her husband Erik who run the non-profit Little Old Dog Sanctuary are experts in the care and end of life decisions for old pooches. Their advice based on extensive experience is invaluable. Buy all their books and help support a most worthy cause and gain insights on what it really means to commit to owning a dog. A great read. Look for their other titles on Kindle. You can't go wrong.

I don't think this book should be used as a basis for whether or not you should euthanize your dog.I read it the day after I euthanized my 14 year old dog, even though I was sure I did the right thing.I did get one useful bit of information that helped me. She said to ask yourself if other people around you think your dog may be suffering.The day before I had her put down I told my husband I thought she might need to go outside but I wanted to wait until after dark so the neighbors wouldn't see her having a seizure.Well she had one in the driveway and her body was kind of twisted and I tried to straighten her out while she was laying in the gravel.I told her I was going to help her.She was having multiple grand mal seizures a day even though she was taking medication.It wasn't working... anyway she mentioned in the book that seizures don't bother them and sometimes they are "wrongfully" euthanized for having seizures.Wrongfully is my word not hers.She also says it is better if they die naturally. Well duh

This book made me more sure about my decision. I hate trying to play God. But also won't let my dog suffer. I agree with the author, it's the quality of the dogs life not quantity!

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