

Fond Farewells



About Aquamation

A gentle & natural goodbye

We are proud to offer aquamation – a natural, water-based process that provides a more eco-friendly farewell. Also known as alkaline hydrolysis, aquamation uses water instead of fire to return your pet to nature gently.

This process uses a tenth of the energy required for cremation, with no harmful emissions, making it a kinder choice for both your pet and the planet.*

How Aquamation Works

Aquamation is a gentle, natural process that uses warm water and an alkaline solution to return your pet to nature, just as water and soils would over time. This eco-friendly alternative to flame cremation mimics a process that has existed in nature for centuries.

Benefits of Aquamation



A softer, more natural process

Aquamation uses the natural power of water to return your pet to nature in a gentle and respectful way. Without the use of fire or high heat, this tranquil, environmentally conscious process provides comfort to pet owners who want a more natural option.



A thoughtful and sustainable choice

A process that mirrors nature's way of saying goodbye. Uses significantly less energy than cremation and releases no harmful emissions.



More ashes returned

Often provides more remains than traditional cremation, allowing for a meaningful keepsake. Once the process is complete, your pet's ashes will be carefully prepared and returned to you in an urn or keepsake of your choosing.

This allows you to cherish their memory in a way that feels right for you.



Memorial Urns & Keepsakes

We understand the bond and know that every pet leaves a unique mark on our hearts. That's why we offer a range of beautiful memorial options, including urns, paw prints, and keepsakes, so you can honour and celebrate the life of your cherished pet.

You can order these special items through your veterinarian.



Engraved wooden urn

Each urn can be engraved with up to twenty words of your choice on the top or side of the urn.

Engraved plaque

Each urn can be finished with an engraved plaque on the top or side of the urn.



Wooden urn with photo frame

A photo frame and engraved message can be added, depending on urn size.

Cardboard urn

Our standard method for returning ashes, often chosen for scattering.



Wooden urn available without engraving or photo frame.



Keepsake charms

Can be personalised with a special message.

Pendants

Pendants are supplied with a sterling silver chain.



Keepsake ring

Filled with a small amount of your cherished pet's ashes.

Bronze paws

A mould of your pet's paw is taken before cremation and cast in solid bronze. Ashes are not used in this process.



Reterniti stones

Your pet's ashes are turned into a smooth cremation stone to hold and keep close.

Memorial beads & paperweight

Your pet's ashes are skillfully preserved in a glass paperweight or bead keepsake.



If you're interested in learning more about our urns and keepsakes, please visit our website www.fondfarewells.co.nz.

We're here to answer your questions

How do I arrange aquamation for my pet?

You don't have to navigate this alone. Your veterinary clinic will assist you in arranging your pet's aquamation with us. They will take care of all the details, including transportation and payment, so you can focus on remembering and honouring your pet.

How will I receive my pet's ashes?

When your pet's ashes are ready, they will be returned to you in a beautiful urn or keepsake of your choice. If you choose aquamation, you may receive more ashes compared to traditional cremation due to the gentle nature of the process. Your veterinary clinic will let you know when they are ready.

How much does aquamation cost?

The cost of aquamation depends on your pet's size and your selection of urn and keepsake items. Your veterinary clinic can provide you with specific pricing details and help you decide on the best option for your pet.

When will my pet's ashes be returned?

We know how important it is to have your pet back home. In most cases, ashes are ready within 3-5 working days, timeframes can vary based on your selection of keepsake items. They will be returned to your veterinary clinic.

About Fond Farewells

Fond Farewells, a service of Awanui Veterinary, is dedicated to providing professional, compassionate, end-of-life care for pets.

Our mission is to honour the bonds people share with their pets while respecting our planet and lead the way in sustainable pet farewell services across New Zealand.



Awanui Group is committed to the right to privacy and the protection of personal and health information in accordance with privacy laws.

*Source: NCCEH. Alternative disposition services: Green burial, alkaline hydrolysis and human composting (2022).