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Hospice eases end of life for cats

News from Hometownlife.com:

Pets are living longer, just like people. But for pet families, this means facing sometimes difficult end-of-life decisions when pets get old, develop a serious illness or just need help getting around.

In 2011, Troy resident Maryann Clark faced such a decision when her 17-year-old brown tabby cat Rocky was diagnosed with heart disease, and in 2009 when her 16-year-old calico Purrdy developed kidney failure and heart disease.

For many pet owners with seriously ill or aging pets, euthanasia has been the only choice. Clark instead wanted her felines to live as long as possible assuming that they were still active and could enjoy good quality of life. Clark got her wish at The Cat Practice veterinary hospital at 875 S. Worth in Birmingham where her cats were among the first patients to receive hospice and end-of-life care.

Rocky and Purrdy, whose hospice care was chronicled for friends and family on Facebook, have since gone on to kitty heaven.

And now, The Cat Practice wants to give more pet owners the same choice by opening what is believed to be Michigan's first pet hospice.

"Helping your feline friend through a final illness is definitely worth the effort," Clark said. "Especially when they know that the treatments you provide are making them feel better."

The Cat Practice hospice will offer end-of-life care, modeled after hum..... *continues on Hometownlife.com*

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