END OF LIFE PLANNING

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ABCDE Framework

A - ATTITUDES

- Henry's carers are both Christians and active church members.
- Henry has been well all his life however they think he is now suffering and want an opinion and a plan of action.
- They have never been through pet euthanasia before.

B - BELIEFS

- Henry's carers believe he will be reunited with his sister, Hope, when does die, as she passed away peacefully last year in her sleep.
- They aren't entirely sure if pets go to heaven but are sure they will be together in some form.

C - CONTEXT

- Henry is thought to be around 15 years old and was adopted with his sister, Hope around 7 years ago.
- They have been praying for Henry to pass peacefully but know it is time to make a decision to end his suffering.

D - DECISION MAKING STYLE

- Henry's carers are not fixated on finding a diagnosis for Henry and are quite happy to put his decline down due to old age, they don't see the point in doing tests at this stage and don't want him to be in any pain.

E - ENVIRONMENT

- Henry's carers are happy for an at-home euthanasia visit to be organised as they think this will be best for the entire family so they can all be present.
- Henry's carers have been made aware of local churches organising pet blessings. prayers or support.

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