END OF LIFE PLANNING

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ABCDE Framework

A - ATTITUDES

- Both Max's carers are practicing Jews and have a medical background.
- They understand that his recent decline is due to his CKD and that he no longer has the quality of life that he once enjoyed.

B - BELIEFS

- Max's carers believe he will pass imminently and have mentioned the term '*Goses*' during discussions – a term used in Jewish law to describe someone in their final moments of life.
- They are accepting of euthanasia as the next step for Max.

C - CONTEXT

- Max's carers have never had a cat euthanised, as their previous cat passed away at home.
- They want to know what drugs are used for the procedure.
- They believe the more they understand about the process, they more settled they'll be.

D - DECISION MAKING STYLE

- They will both make the decision together and appreciate an evidence-based approach.
- They have reviewed the mean survival times of cats in Stage 4 CKD and understand Max has already outlived these.

E - ENVIRONMENT

- Max's carers have asked if it is okay to light a Yahrzeit candle during Max's passing.
- They wish to have Max buried but have asked if it is okay to bury him on Sunday as Friday and Saturday are Shabbat, this would mean waiting 48 hours from today.

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