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## Emergency crisis kit used in veterinary palliative care of a cat with suspected gastric lymphoma and other co-morbidities

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### Abstract

**Background:** Emergency Crisis Kits for palliative veterinary patients ensure adequate measures to be taken in a sudden and/or acute situation until assistance from a veterinary medical doctor can be procured [1]. **Objective:** This case study demonstrates the use of a personalized Emergency Crisis Kit on a cat with gastric lymphoma and other co-morbidities. **Results:** It was found that having an Emergency Crisis Kit helped to improve the cat's quality of life, as well as relieve the caretaker burnout syndrome of owners, promoting closeness, empathy, and confidence with the veterinary team. **Conclusion:** Emergency Crisis Kits empower pet owners to be more active in the palliative management of their animals, by providing aid in moments of pain, distress and discomfort and by preventing stressful and traumatic experiences [2,3]. However, the use of Emergency Crisis Kits must be further disseminated and implemented.

**Keywords:** veterinary palliative care; emergency crisis kits; feline gastric lymphoma

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