

PETS GET NICE NEW CEMETERY

Dr. Elinor McGrath Buys Midlothian Plot and Pre- pares Graves.

An "animals' rest" is among us. And all the canine saints are to have permanent rest.

Dr. Elinor McGrath of 8217 Indiana avenue purchased an acre of land in Midlothian yesterday and has plans all laid for the last resting place of the city's pets.

Buddle, a Boston bulldog that died of pneumonia, is already embalmed and waiting interment next Saturday.

Refuge and Crematory.

"There is to be a fountain in the center and a plot is all ready for Weenie's grave. (Weenie is Dr. McGrath's yellow alley cat.) There are to be circular drives and grassy mounds, a refuge and a crematory for the animals," she said. "I wish to build a refuge for the stray animals out there with the proceeds.

"This will be the first animal cemetery in the west, although Paris, London, New York, and Boston have them. There is a demand for a pets' burial place in Chicago, as the city ordinance forbids the burying of animals within the city limits. So, persons who dislike to discard their faithful companions are forced to bury them in their backyards at nightfall to escape penalty of \$100 fine from the health department.

Special Caskets Ordered.

"Patrons of mine have taken their dead pets into the country for burial, having the expense of railroad fare and so on. They have brought fancy shawls and flowers for their pets to the hospital and carried them away.

"Because of this demand, I have arranged with the Chicago Casket company to make special caskets."

"A plain funeral will be possible for an animal at a cost of \$5. This will include a zinc lined pine box, conveyance to the cemetery, and a grave. Embalming and flowers come as extras.

No Prayers, but Mottoes.

"For a small dog or cat a space two feet square is sufficient, but for a collie or Alredale a grave two feet by four feet will be required. A canary will occupy a much smaller lot. When one wishes a decorated casket for his pet and a tombstone to record the animal's deeds of valor or other inscriptions there will be added charges, perhaps \$25 for a burial.

"Beautiful prayers for a pup will be not offered here, as this will be considered sacrilegious, nor will soloists sing at the services. But there will be eulogies in the pets' cemetery, such as 'In ever loving memory of our darling little Froggy,' 'Dear, faithful little friend Jack,' on the tombstones.

"The dog life is, on an average, very short. A 10 year old dog is equal in age to a person of 40."

The tract of land for the pets' cemetery was purchased from A. T. McIntosh & Co. for \$640. It is situated at One Hundred and Forty-fifth street and Springfield avenue.