

Memory and Keepsake Checklist

A Gentle Way to Gather, Protect and Organize What Matters

You do not need to decide how every item will be used. This checklist can simply help you place meaningful belongings and memories somewhere safe until you feel ready.

Physical Keepsakes

	Have	Safe	Photo	Later
Collar	☐	☐	☐	☐
Identification tag	☐	☐	☐	☐
Harness or leash	☐	☐	☐	☐
Favorite toy	☐	☐	☐	☐
Blanket or bedding	☐	☐	☐	☐
Clothing or bandana	☐	☐	☐	☐
Food or water bowl	☐	☐	☐	☐
Printed photographs	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sympathy cards or letters	☐	☐	☐	☐
Child's drawing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Veterinary or adoption records	☐	☐	☐	☐
Paw or nose print	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fur clipping, if already kept	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ashes or cremation container	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other meaningful item	☐	☐	☐	☐

Where these items are currently stored

One item I want to protect first

Photographs and Digital Memories

A second copy can protect an irreplaceable memory.

	Located	Backed up	Named folder	Shared
Phone photographs	☐	☐	☐	☐
Printed photographs	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cloud photo library	☐	☐	☐	☐
Videos	☐	☐	☐	☐
Voice recordings	☐	☐	☐	☐
Security-camera clips	☐	☐	☐	☐
Social media photographs	☐	☐	☐	☐
Messages from family or friends	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adoption records	☐	☐	☐	☐
Veterinary photographs	☐	☐	☐	☐
Memorial website content	☐	☐	☐	☐

Folder name

Backup location

Person who has a second copy

Digital memories I still need help locating

Avoid relying on a single phone, computer or social media account for irreplaceable photographs and videos.

What I May Create Later

Keeping something safe does not require making a permanent decision today.

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| ☐ Memory box | ☐ Photo album |
| ☐ Digital memorial | ☐ Framed photograph |
| ☐ Remembrance shelf | ☐ Shadow box |
| ☐ Written life story | ☐ Family memory collection |
| ☐ Keepsake jewelry | ☐ Living memorial |
| ☐ Donation or community tribute | ☐ I do not want a physical keepsake |
| ☐ I am not ready to decide | |

One item I want to keep safe today

One item I may photograph or back up

One person who may help

One decision that can wait

Additional notes

Protecting a memory is not the same as deciding what it must become. You are allowed to keep an item safe and return to the decision later.