If I were a horse, dog or cat and I were hopelessly ill or in pain, I would be allowed to die in a dignified way: to be 'put down', so ending my suffering or lack of a future or of a decent 'quality of life'.

This merciful act would end, also, the misery of those close or dear to me - even those caring for me - being obliged to witness my suffering, so impacting harmfully on their 'quality of life'.

This merciful act would also end the necessity of the family, the general taxpayer or insurance company to fund my miserable existence.

I have always believed the law that obliges human sufferers to be kept alive, when in this condition, is totally wrong and should be changed to allow humans to choose to die when they ask for this to happen.

I also believe those who cannot speak for themselves should be allowed to die when people who care for or are close to them realise that this relief and release is appropriate.

It is essential that such a law should be passed and enacted as soon as possible. It is cruel to deny humans such treatment.

Yours truly,

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