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I am writing in support of Voluntary Assisted Dying. I nursed my partner 20 years ago, he died of Oesophageal cancer, aged 71. The final three months were very distressing. He told me I didn't love him, that I loved our pet cats more, I wouldn't let them suffer.

My brother was 73 & when he was in the Hospice he said to me, "This is not living, ~~the~~ they are keeping me dying longer - I just want to die."

I have enclosed two cuttings from our morning Newspaper

they have expressed my thoughts
better than I can.

Our Politicians need to understand
we ^{are} asking for Voluntary not
compulsory Euthanasia.

Yours. Faithfully



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Mercy for the dying

I agree with Dr Alida Lancee's views on euthanasia for some terminally ill patients (TST, Jan 1).

Having worked in a hospice in the UK for over 40 years, I have seen doctors giving morphine overdoses to patients in extreme pain. The drug hastened their death out of compassion. This should only be given to selected patients whose medication has no effect on their pain or they are unable to tolerate their analgesics.

If euthanasia is made legal, it must be very strictly regulated. I realise this is a very divisive subject and some will not agree with me, but 40 years on I still remember the patients I cared for and the unbelievable pain they endured.

It's OK for pets

Re: Dr Alida Lancee on euthanasia (TST, Jan 1). I cannot understand political values. If I have a pet animal that is terminally ill with no quality of life and in constant pain and suffering, and I take it to a vet and have it euthanased, I am a warm and caring person.

But if I have the same situation with a loved friend or family member and assist them to rest in peace, I am a cold-blooded murderer.