

LOSS OF PET RESOURCES

Recommended Books

- **Grieving the Death of a Pet** by Betty J. Carmack
- **Animals in Spirit: Our faithful companions' transition to the afterlife** by Penelope Smith
- **Coping with Sorrow on the Loss of Your Pet** by Moira Anderson Allen
- **Dog Heaven** by Cynthia Rylant
- **Going Home: Finding Peace When Pets Die** by Jon Katz
- **Goodbye, Friend: Healing Wisdom for Anyone Who Has Ever Lost a Pet** by Gary Kowalski
- **Remember Rafferty** by Joy Johnson (a book for children)
- **Saying Goodbye to Your Angel Animals: Finding Comfort after Losing Your Pet** by Allen Anderson and Linda Anderson
- **Saying Good-bye to the Pet You Love** by Greene & Landis
- **The Kingdom of Heart: A Pet Loss Journal** by Patty L. Luckenbach
- **The Loss of a Pet: A Guide to Coping with the Grieving Process When a Pet Dies** by Wallace Sife

Commemorating Your Pet

You may want to think about a memory box that would include a lock of your pet's hair, favorite toy, collar/tags, etc. Paint a rock or yard tile or plant a tree in memory of your pet. Make a quilt or wall hanging that could include some of your pet's blankets.

Do Pets Grieve?

Yes, pets often grieve the loss of their human and canine or feline companion. There are numerous resources on the internet pertaining to helping your pet cope with a loss.

- [10 Tips for Helping Your Grieving Pet](#)
- [Dog in Mourning. Helping our pets cope with loss.](#)
- [Feline Bereavement](#)

Pet Grief Counseling.

The ASPCA provides a hotline (no charge) that connects pet parents with a psychologist to discuss making a decision regarding pet euthanasia and pet grief. Call the ASPCA Hotline at 877-474-3310.

International Pet Loss Remembrance

Every Tuesday evening, people around the world who have lost a pet, step outside at 6:00pm local time look up to the sky, light a candle and say their pet's name aloud.

Remembrance Services

We can tailor a Pet Remembrance Service to your needs from more formal liturgy to a backyard gathering of friends to share stories. Saying your pet's name out loud and remembering times together helps with healing.