



# Veterinary Social Work

## Pet Loss Resource List

### Pet Loss Books for Adults

- Anderson, M. (1994). *Coping with Sorrow on the Loss of Your Pet*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Loveland, CO: Alpine Publications.
- Carmack, Betty J. (2003). *Grieving the Death of a Pet*. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Fortress.
- Kowalski, G. (1997). *Goodbye, Friend: Healing Wisdom for Anyone Who Has Ever Lost a Pet*. Walpole, NH: Stillpoint Publishing.
- Quintana, M. L., Veleba, S. L., King, H. G. (1998). *It's Ok to Cry*. Perrysburg, OH: Mariposa Press.
- Ross, G. J. (2010). *A 30 Day Guide to Healing from the Loss of Your Pet*. Chapel Hill, NC: Broken Heart Press.
- Sife, W. (2005). *The Loss of a Pet*. Hoboken, NJ: Howell Book House.
- Wolfelt, A. D. (2004). *When Your Pet Dies: A Guide to Mourning, Remembering and Healing*. Fort Collins, CO: Companion Press.

### Pet Loss Books for Children

- Cochran, B. (2007). *The Forever Dog*. New York: HarperCollins.  
*Mike and Corky do everything together until one day Corky is gone.*
- Demas, C. & Hoyt, A. (2004). *Saying Goodbye to Lulu*. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.  
*After her dog dies, a little girl grieves but continues her life.*
- Kramer, J. (2001). *A Gift from Rex: Guiding Children through Life and Loss*. Edina, MS: Beaver's Pond Press, Inc.  
*Suggestions on how to facilitate a child's feelings while providing counsel to adults who are also grieving.*
- Morehead, D. (1996). *A Special Place for Charlee: A Child's Companion Through Pet Loss*, Broomfield, CO: Partners in Publishing, LLC.  
*Legitimizing the loss of a child's pet dog.*
- Rogers, F. (1988). *When a Pet Dies*. New York: Family Communications, Inc.  
*Talks to children about a pet dying.*
- Viorst, J. (1971). *The Tenth Good Thing About Barney*. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks.  
*When Barney, the cat, dies the family holds a funeral to remember him.*
- Walsh, B. (2011). *Sammy in the Sky*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.  
*When Sammy, the hound dog's, life is cut short by illness, the girl's family keeps his spirit alive.*
- Wilhelm, H. (1985). *I'll Always Love You*. New York: Dragonfly Books.  
*Death of an old pet dog, Elfie.*

\*\*\*For additional pet loss books not listed, please search for "pet loss books" on amazon.com or google.com, visit the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) (<https://www.aahanet.org/Store/PetLoss.aspx>), or see other websites listed below\*\*\*

## **Other Books Concerning Loss for Children and Adults**

Grollman, E. A. (2011). *Talking about Death: A Dialogue between Parent and Child*. Boston: Beacon Press

Hanson, W. (1997). *The Next Place*. Golden Valley, MN: Waldman House Press.

James, J. W. & Friedman, R. (1998). *The Grief Recovery Handbook, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Expanded Edition: The Action Program for Death, Divorce, and Other Losses including Health, Career, and Faith*. New York: Harper Collins Publishers, Inc.

Leeuwenburgh, E., and Goldring, E. (2008). *Why Did You Die? Activities to Help Children Cope With Grief and Loss*. Raincoast Books

Mundy, M. (1998). *Sad Isn't Bad: A Good-Grief Guidebook for Kids Dealing with Loss*. St. Meinard, IN: Abbey Press.

## **Audio Tapes**

Antinori, D. *Journey Through Pet Loss*. Basking Ridge, NJ: Yoko Spirit Publications.

Butler, C., Hetts, S., & Lagoni, L. (1996). *Friends for Life: Loving and Losing Your Animal Companion*. Boulder, CO: Sounds True.

## **Web Sites**

[www.vetsocialwork.utk.edu](http://www.vetsocialwork.utk.edu)

University of Tennessee Veterinary Social Work website with information about upcoming pet loss support group and other events as well as a link to our Pet Loss Support Facebook page.

[www.petloss.com](http://www.petloss.com)

Lists of pet loss resources, Monday Candle Ceremony, list of pet loss books for children and adults, and links to other websites with pet loss resources.

[www.pet-loss.net](http://www.pet-loss.net)

Pet Loss Support Page by Moira Anderson, M. Ed. Provides links to other sites with memorial ideas as well as pet loss support groups and counselors listed by state.

[www.rainbowbridge.com](http://www.rainbowbridge.com)

"A virtual memorial home for your departed baby." Also provides a place to submit your story or a poem, and links to other pet loss support resources.

[www.perfectmemorials.com](http://www.perfectmemorials.com)

Memorial ideas for pets (and humans).

[www.lapoflove.com](http://www.lapoflove.com)

Pet loss resources, Pet Hospice resources, and At Home Euthanasia resources for North Carolina, Tennessee, and Florida.

[www.petsweloved.com](http://www.petsweloved.com)

"Handcrafted tributes to the pets we loved."

<http://www.sarahjanefisher.blogspot.com/p/jewelry-collection.html>

Memorial jewelry that has cremated remains infused into a beautiful glass bead pendant.