



Veterinary Social Work

Resource List

Pet Loss Books for Adults

- Anderson, M. (1994). *Coping with Sorrow on the Loss of Your Pet*, 2nd Edition. Loveland: Alpine Publications.
- Carmack, Betty J. (2003). *Grieving the Death of a Pet*. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Fortress.
- Dolan-Del Vecchio, K. & Saxton-Lopez, N. (2013). *The Pet Loss Companion: Healing Advice from Family Therapists Who Lead Pet Loss Support Groups*. North Charleston: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.
- Friedman, R. James, C. & James, J. W. (2014). *The Grief Recovery Handbook for Pet Loss*. Lanham: Taylor Trade Publishing.
- Kowalski, G. (1997). *Goodbye, Friend: Healing Wisdom for Anyone Who Has Ever Lost a Pet*. Walpole: Stillpoint Publishing.
- Quintana, M. L., Veleba, S. L., King, H. G. (1998). *It's Ok to Cry*. Perrysburg: Mariposa Press.
- Ross, G. J. (2010). *A 30 Day Guide to Healing from the Loss of Your Pet*. Chapel Hill: Broken Heart Press.
- Sife, W. (2005). *The Loss of a Pet*. Hoboken: Howell Book House.
- Wolfelt, A. D. (2004). *When Your Pet Dies: A Guide to Mourning, Remembering and Healing*. Fort Collins: 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: 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: 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: 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, 20th 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

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.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.lapoflove.com

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

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.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

Memorial ideas for animals (and humans).

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.

<https://www.oneworldmemorials.com/collections/pet-memorials>

Unique memorial urns for animals

<http://artfulashes.com/memorials/>

"Your loved one's ashes memorialized in glass art"