Dear Friend,

The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine would like to extend our condolences during this time of loss. We can appreciate how important your animal is to you and can imagine the grief and heartache you may be feeling. It is normal and natural to experience a broken heart because your beloved animal is gone.

Enclosed are some resources that you may find helpful. We would also like to make you aware that Veterinary Social Work (VSW) offers support for individuals who have lost a beloved animal. Services include the following:

- Up to 8 individual or family clinical counseling sessions (in-person, via telephone, or via telehealth) at no cost for grief support as well as assessment and referral to longer-term counseling if desired. UTCVM clients can request and access VSW grief counseling services at any time within 8 months after the animal’s death.

- Up to 4 individual sessions counseling sessions (in-person, via telephone, or via telehealth) at no cost for grief support for community members (that are not clients of the UTCVM).

- Ongoing Pet Loss Support Group to all community members at no cost (flyer enclosed).

If you would like more information or to schedule a session, please contact a Veterinary Social Worker at the VSW Helpline, (865) 755-8839, Monday through Friday, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. We hope that you will find this information helpful.

With Deepest Sympathy,

UT Veterinary Social Work Faculty and Staff

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Resource List

Pet Loss Books for Adults


Pet Loss Books For Children

  - Mike and Corky do everything together until one day Corky is gone.
  - After her dog dies, a little girl grieves but continues her life.
  - Suggestions on how to facilitate a child’s feelings while providing counsel to adults who are also grieving.
  - Legitimizing the loss of a child’s pet dog.
  - Talks to children about a pet dying.
  - When Barney, the cat, dies the family holds a funeral to remember him.
  - When Sammy’s, the hound dog, life is cut short by illness, the girl’s family keeps his spirit alive.
  - Death of an old pet dog.

***For additional pet loss books not listed, please search for “pet loss books” on Amazon.com or Google.com, or visit the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) at [https://www.aahanet.org/Store/PetLoss.aspx](https://www.aahanet.org/Store/PetLoss.aspx)

Other websites are listed on next page.

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Other Books Concerning Loss for Children and Adults


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 groups and other events as well. Also has a link to our Pet Loss Support Facebook page.
- [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.lapoflove.com](http://www.lapoflove.com)
  - A network of compassionate veterinarians that offer in home hospice and end-of-life care for pets across the nation.
- [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.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 animals (and humans).
- [www.petsweloved.com](http://www.petsweloved.com)
  - “Handcrafted tributes to the pets we loved.”
- [www.oneworldmemorials.com/collections/pet-memorials](http://www.oneworldmemorials.com/collections/pet-memorials)
  - Unique memorial urns for animals
  - “Your loved one’s ashes memorialized in glass art”
Pet Crematories and Cemeteries

Crematories Only

- *ALL-TENN Pet & Horse Cremations 2106 Ritter Rd., LaVergne, TN 37086
  - Phone: (615) 828-7924 or (615) 618-3514
  - Website: www.tenpetcrem.com
  - Email: alltenn@msn.com
- *East TN Pet Cremation, 3812 Big Springs Ridge Rd., Friendsville, TN 37737
  - Phone: (865) 414-0280
  - Email: easttnpetcremation@gmail.com
- Pet Cremation Services of East Tennessee, 3810 Fish Hatchery Rd. Suite B, Mohawk, TN 37810
  - Phone: (423) 587-7483
  - Website: www.petcremationtn.com
  - Email: cremations@lcmtn.com
- Tri County Veterinary Hospital 1935 Boyds Creek Hwy, Sevierville, TN 37876
  - Phone: (865) 577-2866
  - Website: www.tricountyvetsevier.com
- Yeargan Pet Crematory and Pet Burial Supplies 1440 Harbour View Dr. Lenoir City, TN 37772
  - Phone: (865) 988-5555
  - Website: www.yearganpetburials.com

Both Cemeteries and Crematories

- Grandview Pet Services 2304 Tuckaleechee Pike, Maryville, TN 37803
  - Phone: (865) 982-3730
  - Website: www.grandviewcemetery.com
- Resthaven Pet Services 150 Carr Rd., Seymour, TN 37865
  - Phone: (865) 577-2900
  - Website: www.resthavenpetservices.com

* = Handles Equine and other large animals

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Pet Loss Support Group

Summer/Fall 2020 Dates:

July 14th
August 11th
September 8th
October 13th
November 10th
December 8th

6:15-7:30 pm

Meetings will be held via telehealth (details below)

A supportive environment where people can share their varied experiences of grief and loss of a companion animal

A place to remember and honor the life of our companion animals

An opportunity to learn additional ways of coping with the loss of an animal

If you are interested, or have questions about the online meetings, please contact our office at 865-755-8839 or vetsocialwork@utk.edu

DIRECTIONS:
To encourage safety for everyone and social distancing guidelines, the April, May, and June Pet Loss Support Group meetings will be held via telehealth. Please visit the web page dedicated to the Pet Loss Support Group at https://vetsocialwork.utk.edu/pet-loss-support-group-2. Instructions for attending the online meetings will be there along with links to obtain an invitation to the meeting.

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Veterinary Social Work

Daytime Pet Support Group

Mondays & Fridays – 2:00 pm
Wednesdays – 11:00 am

Meetings will be held via telehealth (details below)

A caring environment where people can share their varied experiences with complex decisions about their animals

Discussions about quality of life for families and animals

Discussions about balancing financial responsibilities between families and animals

Resources regarding animal-related issues

If you are interested, or have questions about the online meetings, please contact our office at 865-755-8839 or vetsocialwork@utk.edu

DIRECTIONS:
To encourage safety for everyone and social distancing guidelines, the Daytime Pet Support Group meetings will be held via telehealth. Please visit the web page dedicated to the Daytime Pet Support Group at https://vetsocialwork.utk.edu/daytime-pet-support-group/. Instructions for attending the online meetings will be there along with links to obtain an invitation to the meeting.

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