



Veterinary Social Work

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 6 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.
- 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 Work provider at the Veterinary Social Work 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,

UTCVM Veterinary Social Work Team



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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.
- Montgomery, Mary & Herb. (2000). *Forever in my Heart: remembering my pet's life*. Chanhassen, MN. Montgomery Press. <https://centering.org/good-bye-my-friend/>
- Montgomery, Mary & Herb. (1991). *Good-bye My Friend: grieving the loss of a pet*. Chanhassen, MN. Montgomery Press. <https://www.amazon.com/Goodbye-My-Friend-Mary-Montgomery/dp/1879779005>
- 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's, the hound dog, 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.

***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>
Other websites are listed on next page.

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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.

Web Sites

- 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 ○ 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 ○ A network of compassionate veterinarians that offer in home hospice and end-of-life care for pets across the nation.
- 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.”
- www.oneworldmemorials.com/collections/pet-memorials ○ Unique memorial urns for animals
- www.Artfulashes.com/memorials
 - “Your loved one’s ashes memorialized in glass art”



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Local Veterinary Crematory Information

NAME	ADDRESS	CREMATION	PICK-UP	URNS/ MEMORIALIZATION
All-Tenn Pet And Horse Cremation Service (615) 828-7924 alltenn@msn.com	2106 Ritter Rd. LaVergne, TN 37086	-Full size horse cremation - \$1600, includes: pickup, cremation, urn, brass nameplate, and return to owner.	at UT, returns go to owner	Selection of urns on their website
East Tennessee Pet Cremation (865) 340-2665 (865) 414-0280 Easttnpetcremation@gmail.com	3812 Big Springs Ridge Road Friendsville, TN 37737	Private Cremation: With a Private Cremation, the ashes are returned to you in a professional standard urn, along with our 100% double guarantee. \$150 Communal Cremation: With a Communal Cremation, you can rest assured that your pet's remains are disposed of in a safe, sanitary and discreet manner. No ashes are returned. \$20	Residential Services: We offer residential pickup and return for the pet that passes away at home. Travel fees may apply. \$25	Remember Me Designs: Remember Me Designs offers handmade memorial jewelry so that you can always keep your beloved friend close to you. Contact us for more information.
Pet Cremation of East Tennessee (423) 587-7483 cremations@lcmtn.com	3810 Fish Hatchery Rd. Suite B Mohawk, TN 37810	Private Cremation Package: Certificate of cremation, Decorative Tin Container, Personal Identification Disk, Picture Magnet Frame, Lock of Love, and a grief booklet.	No charge if your vet clinic is within 25 miles. Additional charges for picking up at your home, or outside that 25 miles.	Lots of options on their website.
Yeargen Pet Cremation Services (865) 988-5555 Email through their website; yearganpetburials.com	7250 Highway 11 Lenoir City, TN 37772	Pet Cremation Pricing 0-10 lbs. - \$100.00 11-25 lbs. - \$125.00 26-50 lbs. - \$150.00 51-75 lbs. - \$175.00 76-100 lbs. - \$200.00 101-125 lbs. - \$225.00 126-150 lbs. - \$250.00 151-175 lbs. - \$275.00 176-200 lbs. - \$300.00	We offer pick up and return service for your pet and the cremains at your home, veterinary office, pet ER, and UT Veterinary Medical Center. We service most areas of East Tennessee.	https://uploadssl.webflow.com/5f1a3de2e780faf54195c7cd/5f679aff01a919909f1dee69202020Memory%20of%20a%20Lifetime%20Pet%20No%20Logo%2020Low%20Res.pdf
Resthaven Pet Services LLP Resthavenpetservices@yahoo.com	150 Carr Rd Seymour, TN 37865	INDIVIDUAL CREMATIONS We offer individual cremations: Pets up to 99lbs - \$110 Pets 100 lbs & above - \$150 **All cremations are done individually** Each cremation is completed and ready for pickup within 24-48 hours. Each cremation includes a standard mahogany box urn. **This option is for when owners bring their pets directly to our facility.** PRIVATE CREMATIONS Private Cremation - \$150 (same day pickup) Private Viewing Cremation - \$200 We offer Private Cremations for pet owners that would like to have their pets back the same day of cremation. With these, the cremations have to be scheduled Monday - Friday between the hours of 8am & 10am. Call us for more information and to make an appointment.	VET OFFICE PICKUPS We pick up at any Vet Office in Knox County, Sevier County and the Surrounding areas. We can return your pet to the Vet Clinic of your choice within 2 - 3 business days HOME PICKUPS Pre-arranged Home Pickups may be available in Knox County, Sevier County and the Surrounding areas. Call us for pricing and scheduling.	
Continental Pet Cremations (865) 661-7681	430 Continental Drive Suite A Maryville, TN 37804	Cremation Up to 35lbs\$135 36lbs to 100lbs.....\$155 101 lbs +\$195 201 lbs +.....\$300	Pet pick-up.....\$65 (Knox & Blount County under 100lbs) Larger Pets & After Hours.....\$100 *Additional charges for outside of Knox & Blount County	Catalog of Memorialization Options: https://www.pageturnpro.com/CrescentMemorial/51211-The-Crescent-Pet-Collection/sdefault.html#page/1
Tri-County Vet Clinic (865) 577 - 2866	1935 Boyd's Creek Hwy Sevierville, TN 37876	Cremation: \$135 – 99lbs or less \$160 – 100lbs or more	Pick Up – At UT Tuesday and Thursday, drop off there as well	Comes with a tin which contains the cremains in a vacuum-sealed bag.

Pet Loss Support Group

Winter/ Spring 2023 Dates:

January 11th

February 8th

March 8th

April 12th

May 10th

June 14th

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, all 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.