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


Pet Loss Books For Children

- 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.
- 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.

***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.oneworldmemorials.com/collections/pet-memorials](http://www.oneworldmemorials.com/collections/pet-memorials) – Unique memorial urns for animals

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<td>All-Tenn Pet And Horse Cremation Service</td>
<td>2106 Ritter Rd, LaVergne, TN 37086</td>
<td>-Full-size horse cremation - $1600, includes: pickup, cremation, urn, brass nameplate, and return to owner.</td>
<td>at UT, returns go to owner</td>
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<td>East Tennessee Pet Cremation</td>
<td>3812 Big Springs Ridge Road, Friendsville, TN 37737</td>
<td>Private Cremation: With a Private Cremation, the ashes are returned to you in a professional standard urn, along with our 100% double guarantee. $150</td>
<td>Residential Services: We offer residential pickup and return for the pet that passes away at home. Travel fees may apply. $25</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Yeargen Pet Cremation Services</td>
<td>7250 Highway 11, Lenoir City, TN 37772</td>
<td>Pet Cremation Pricing</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Resthaven Pet Services LLP</td>
<td>150 Carr Rd, Seymour, TN 37865</td>
<td>INDIVIDUAL CREMATIONS We offer individual cremations: Pets up to 99lbs - $110 Pets 100 lbs &amp; above - $150 <strong>All cremations are done individually</strong> Each cremation is completed and ready for pickup within 24-48 hours. Each cremation includes a standard mahogany box urn. <strong>This option is for when owners bring their pets directly to our facility.</strong> 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 &amp; 10am. Call us for more information and to make an appointment.</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>Catalog of Memorialization Options: <a href="https://www.pageturnpro.com/CrescentMemorial/51211-The-Crescent-Pet-Collection/sdefault.html#page/1">https://www.pageturnpro.com/CrescentMemorial/51211-The-Crescent-Pet-Collection/sdefault.html#page/1</a></td>
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<td>Continental Pet Cremations</td>
<td>430 Continental Drive Suite A, Maryville, TN 37804</td>
<td>Cremation</td>
<td>Pet pick-up ..............$65 (Knox &amp; Blount County under 100lbs)</td>
<td>Larger Pets &amp; After Hours......$100 *Additional charges for outside of Knox &amp; Blount County</td>
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![Vet Social Work Logo](https://www.vsw.utk.edu)
Pet Loss Support Group

Winter/ Spring 2024 Dates:

January 10th  April 10th
February 14th  May 8th
March 13th  June 12th

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:
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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