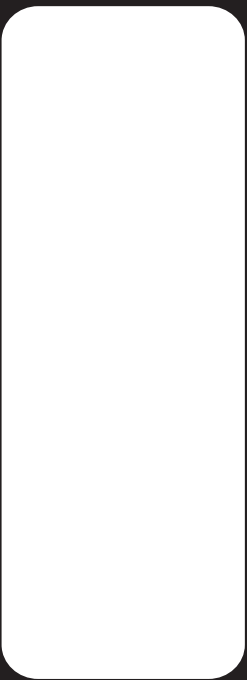




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Pet Funerals & Commemorations



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Why have a memorial for your pet?



When a person you love dies, it's natural to feel sorrow, express grief, and expect support and comfort from friends and family. Unfortunately, the same doesn't always hold true if the one who died was your beloved pet. There are those who may trivialize, or even consider inappropriate, the grief associated with the loss of a companion animal. Nothing could be further from the truth.

People love their pets and consider them members of their family. Animals provide companionship, acceptance, emotional support, and unconditional love during the time they share with you. So when your beloved pet dies, it's not unusual to feel overwhelmed by the intensity of your sorrow. If you understand and accept this bond between humans and animals, you've already taken the first step toward coping with pet loss: knowing that it is okay to grieve when your pet dies.

A memorial service offers comfort, embraces the grieving process, and acknowledges your relationship with your pet. It is a chance to celebrate the life of your pet and to remember all the wonderful times and unique qualities of your pet. It's an opportunity to share stories, create a memorial space or simply meditate with your memories.

How can a Celebrant help?



A funeral Celebrant certified by the Celebrant Foundation & Institute will collaborate with you and your family in a personal interview as you work together to create a loving, personal tribute to your pet according to your wishes. Pet lovers themselves, Celebrants who specialize in ceremonies for our animal companions know that nothing can take away the grief we experience from such a loss, but a genuine, well-prepared tribute to your pet eases the pain.

Other ways to honor our pets



Ceremony offers a way to celebrate our pets and animal companions throughout their lifetimes. Whether we mark their arrival into our homes with a family welcoming and naming ceremony or formally honor specially trained service dogs as they retire from their working lives, ceremonies for animal companions give us the opportunity to accept responsibility, bestow a name, pay tribute with storytelling or create a lasting memorial.

"As I watched my grandchildren participating, I understood the true value of having a memorial service for our dog. I believe it helped them not only heal a bit from the loss of their beloved dog, but also prepare them for future loss as well."

~ Linda

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