

Your Pet's Final Visit and Loss of a Loved Pet

Unfortunately if all goes according to plan, we seem to live longer than our pets. This can mean that we have to experience the distress of losing a loved pet. Often we require the support and assistance of both the vet and the veterinary practice around this time.

We strongly advise the use of the Blue Cross Child Bereavement information given below, especially if the loss of a pet has or may affect a family with children. The site has proved useful to our own families. There is also a website called Over the Rainbow Bridge which is also useful where children are involved. There are many bereavement books available for children to read with a parent, we can advise you of these if you are interested.

We strongly encourage you to contact us and possibly even book an appointment to come in and talk to one of our vets or nurses. We all are here to support and help at this difficult time.

The grief and sadness associated with the loss of a pet are often profound. This is a natural and human reaction which may feel overwhelming. However we want to remind you that this is OK! Also remember that should you require help or advice at this difficult time, we are here for you.

In the UK there are organisations that exist to help people and families cope with the emotional distress associated with the loss of a much-loved pet. Details of some Agencies who give support and information are given below:

Pet Bereavement Support Service

0800 096 6606

Open every day 8.30am-8.30pm. Will put you in touch with your nearest telephone befriender.

The Blue Cross

www.bluecross.org.uk

An excellent support site especially when children need some help coping with the loss of a pet. It is really worth looking at their website!

Ease Pet Bereavement Service

www.ease-animals.org.uk

07870 740 605 someone to talk to when you need to!

Animal Samaritans Pet Bereavement Service

020 8303 1859

¹The Association of Private Pet Cemeteries and Crematoria

01252 844478, www.appcc.org.uk

Really worth understanding that these people care about you!

SupportLine Telephone Helpline

020 8554 9004, email info@supportline.org.uk

Emotional support to children, young adults and adults on any issue. Also keep details of counsellors and support groups throughout the UK.

Pets2rest

www.pets2rest.co.uk

All aspects of pet bereavement.

¹ Information correct at 1.7.17