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Companion Animal Support Resources

When we are care giving for a companion animal suffering from a chronic illness, an injury or a terminal disease, or when we are faced with the death of our companion animal, we need support. We can reach out for support from our family, friends, faith communities, and the community in general. Please know that even though others may not fully understand our grief over the illness, injury or death, what we are feeling is real and related to the love bond we have for our companion animal.

Included in this publication are a sampling of resources to help provide support and comfort during this difficult time.

COMPANION ANIMAL CHRONIC HEALTH SUPPORT

===== ONLINE PET CAREGIVER SUPPORT/RESOURCES =====

AHELP - Caregiver Support - ahelpproject.org/animal_caregiver_support

Tripawds – Help for 3 legged dogs and cats - tripawds.com

UGA Vet Teaching Hospital - vet.uga.edu/hospital-clinic/hospital/resources

===== ARTICLES =====

“Caring for Your Chronically Ill Dog: How to Make Life Easier for You and Your Pup” - akc.org/expert-advice/health/caring-for-chronically-ill-dog/

“How to Care for Yourself While Caring for a Sick Dog”
caringforaseniordog.com/how-to-care-for-yourself-while-caring-for-a-sick-dog

“Overcome the Overwhelm: How to Cope with your Pet’s Illness”
boulderholisticvet.com/overcome-the-overwhelm-how-to-cope-with-your-pets-illness/

===== PET INSURANCE INFORMATION =====

AVMA - “Do You Need Pet Insurance?”
avma.org/public/PetCare/Pages/pet-insurance.aspx

Insurance Information Institute - “Facts about Pet Insurance”
iii.org/article/facts-about-pet-insurance

===== FINANCING INFORMATION =====

Care Credit - carecredit.com/vetmed

AVMA - “Financial Assistance for Veterinary Care Costs”
avma.org/public/YourVet/Pages/Financial-assistance-for-veterinary-care-costs.aspx

===== DISASTER PREPAREDNESS =====

ASPCA - “Disaster Preparedness”
aspc.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/disaster-preparedness

AVMA - “Pets and Disasters”
avma.org/public/EmergencyCare/Pages/Pets-and-Disasters.aspx

===== BOOKS ON PET CANCER =====

Adult: “Pets Living with Cancer: A Pet Owner’s Resource” by Robin Downing

Child: “Annie Loses Her Leg but Finds Her Way” by Sandra J. Philipson

COMPANION ANIMAL LOSS SUPPORT

SUPPORT HOTLINES

Athens Pet Cremation 706-765-8190 (24/7, 365 days a year)

Lap of Love Pet Loss & Bereavement Hotline 855-352-5683 (10am-9pm M-F)

SUPPORT GROUPS

Athens: Heart's Journey Pet Loss Support group, UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital (free monthly group, 706-542-3221, press 2)

Sandy Springs: BluePearl Vet Hosp Pet Loss Support (free weekly group, 404-308-8731)

Atlanta/Chamblee: Deceased Pet Care (free monthly group, 770-457-7659)

Atlanta/Decatur: Paws, Whiskers & Wags (free monthly group, 404-609-1072)

ONLINE RESOURCES

Pet Loss Grief Support, Rainbow Bridge & Candle Ceremony - petloss.com

The Association for Pet Loss and Bereavement - aplb.org

The Pet Loss Support Page - pet-loss.net

What's Your Grief? Pet loss articles - whatsyourgrief.com

Grief Healing - griefhealingblog.com/p/pet-loss-articles.html

Athens Pet Cremation - Support Groups, Grief Resources, and Books on Children's Grief - athenspetcremation.com

SUICIDE SUPPORT HOTLINE

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK (8255), suicidepreventionlifeline.org/

ADULT BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

"The Loss of a Pet: A Guide to Coping with the Grieving Process when a Pet Dies" by Wallace Sife, Ph.D.

"When Your Pet Dies: A Guide to Mourning, Remembering, and Healing" by Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D.

"Paw Prints in the Stars: A Farewell & Journal for a Beloved Pet" by Warren Hanson

"Heart Dog: Surviving the Loss of Your Canine Soul Mate" by Roxanne Hawn

"Going Home: Finding Peace When Pets Die" by Jon Katz



CHILDREN'S BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

“The Invisible String” by Patrice Karst

“Dog Heaven” by Cynthia Rylant

“Cat Heaven” by Cynthia Rylant

“The Goodbye Book” by Todd Parr

“When Dinosaurs Die: A Guide to Understanding Death”

by Laurie Krasny Brown and Marc Brown

“A Gift from Rex” by Dr. Jim Kramer

“A Terrible Thing Happened” by Margaret M. Holmes

“Tear Soup” by Pat Schwiebert and Chuck DeKlyen

“When a Pet Dies” by Fred Rogers

“Healing Your Grieving Heart for Kids” by Alan Wolfelt, Ph.D.



REMEMBERING YOUR PET AT THE UGA VTH The Butler Garden

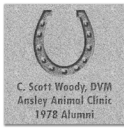
Located at the UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital, the Butler Garden is a serene, beautiful space surrounded by trees, quiet alcoves and meandering paths. The Garden honors the meaningful relationships shared with companion

animals and those who care for them through bricks, plaques and other naming opportunities. Please consider donating to this campaign in their memory or honor by visiting gail.uga.edu/giving/cvm/celebration-garden-campaign.

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Plaque



Granite Paver



Red Brick Paver