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Large 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 CAREGIVER SUPPORT/RESOURCES =====

AHELP - Caregiver Support - ahelpproject.org/animal_caregiver_support

Caring for Your Older Horse - csu-cvmb.colostate.edu/vth/general-care/Pages/large-animal.aspx

MSU Guide for Horse Owners - cvm.msu.edu/hospital/services/equine-services/for-owners

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

===== ARTICLES =====

Keeping (Livestock) Animals Healthy - extension.psu.edu/keeping-animals-healthy

“Overcome the Overwhelm: How to Cope with your Pet’s Illness”

boulderholisticvet.com/overcome-the-overwhelm-how-to-cope-with-your-pets-illness/

===== INSURANCE INFORMATION =====

AVMA - “Do You Need Pet Insurance?”

avma.org/public/PetCare/Pages/pet-insurance.aspx

Why Farmers Should Purchase Livestock Insurance

thebalancesmb.com/livestock-insurance-4175992

===== 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

What You Need to Know for Equine Insurance

horseandrider.com/how-to/equine-insurance-explained

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

Humane Society Disaster Preparedness for Farm Animals

humanesociety.org/resources/disaster-preparedness-farm-animals

AVMA - “Pets and Disasters”

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

===== BOOKS ON ANIMAL ILLNESS =====

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

Child: “The Thoroughbred Series” by Joanna Campbell

COMPANION ANIMAL LOSS SUPPORT

SUPPORT HOTLINES

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

Heart's Journey Pet Loss Support group, UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital
(free Facebook group, by invitation only)

Hoofbeats in Heaven Support Group - hoofbeats-in-heaven.com/group

Pet Loss Grief Support, Rainbow Bridge and Candle Ceremony
petloss.com/groups.htm

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

ONLINE RESOURCES

The Association for Pet Loss and Bereavement - aplb.org

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

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

Pet Angel - petangelmemorialcenter.com

SUICIDE SUPPORT HOTLINE

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

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

ADULT BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

“Unspoken Messages: Spiritual Lessons I Learned from Horses and Other Earthbound Souls” by Richard D. Rowland

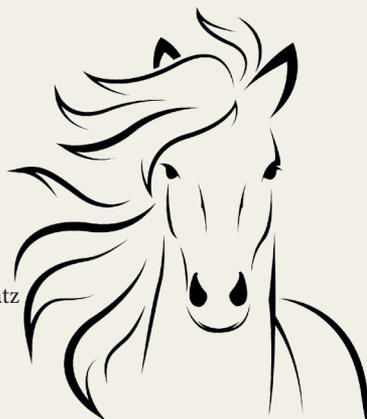
“When Your Pet Dies: A Guide to Mourning, Remembering, and Healing” by Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D.

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

“Crossing the Rubicon: Celebrating the Human-Animal Bond in Life and Death”
by Julie Kaufman

“Going Home: Finding Peace When Pets Die” by Jon Katz

“Journey Through Pet Loss” by Deborah Antinori



CHILDREN'S BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

“The Invisible String” by Patrice Karst

“Lifetimes: The Beautiful Way to Explain Death to Children”

by Bryan Mellonie & Robert Ingpen

“The Goodbye Book” by Todd Parr

“Always and Forever” by Alan Durant

“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



REMEMBERING YOUR HORSE AT THE UGA VTH The Butler Garden

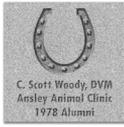
Located at the UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital, the Butler Garden is a serene, beautiful space surrounded by trees, quiet alcoves and meandering paths. The Garden honors the meaningful relationships shared with companion animals and those who care for them through

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