



Loss of a Pet

Finch & Finch has recently become a part of the Paws & Remember network offering quality pet loss care including, full service memorialization for pets of every description. Our high quality cremation, personalized urns, and memorial products will help you and your family express your feelings, pay tribute, and reflect.

A Family's Loss

Our pets are our friends and most would describe them as part of the family. They sleep in our beds, take us for walks and bring a smile into our lives. The devotion and unconditional love of a pet are among the best things one can experience in life. The feelings that come with the loss of a pet may be intense, conflicting, confusing, and more. These feelings, however, are a normal part of the grieving process. They allow us to deal with our loss and accept the natural passage from life to death.

In years past, the impact that the loss of a pet has on a person may not have been fully recognized. Support centered on human loss was much more extensive than the support available for the loss of a pet. This was true even though people often feel just as deeply about the death of a beloved pet as they might about the loss of a family member or friend.

Today, however, there is greater awareness that the loss of a pet also calls for the support and sympathy of those around us to help us cope. Family members, friends, funeral professionals, and even other pets – they can all play a role in helping us work through our sorrow. In addition to love and sympathy, this support often requires patience and understanding on the part of those around us.

Preparing a Ritual

Allowing yourself to grieve is the most natural way to handle your loss. Many people find comfort in having a memorial ceremony for their pet. It gives family members a time to mourn together and remember their beloved friend during this difficult time. Paying tribute and openly expressing your emotions is very natural during this process. Don't feel that you are being foolish or silly for feeling deep and heartfelt grief during this time. Memorial gatherings can provide closure and acceptance of the death of your pet. Families can allow children to accept this difficult time more openly during this process. Find a ritual that works best for you and your family.

Including Children

Children are often very confused and hurt when a pet dies. They have a hard time understanding the process and many have never experienced the feelings of mourning and loss before. Helping children cope with grief will help them to understand a very painful aspect of life and will enable them to begin the healing process. Having a memorial ceremony in honor of your pet can provide the comfort and closure they need. A Finch & Finch representative can supply you with options and materials to consider in planning your unique ceremony or remembrance for your pet.