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PET CREMATION SERVICES

DIVISION OF PROKO-WALL FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY

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Do Dogs Really Feel Loss and Mourn?

When one dog dies, owners will often notice some changes in the pets that are left behind. They may become aloof or lethargic. Some may stop eating or become clingy.

Based on these outward signs, it appears that dogs do grieve when their canine companion dies. Because our pets cannot speak, we don't really know what is going through their minds or what they are thinking.

However, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals conducted a Companion Animal Mourning Project in 1996. The study found that 36 percent of dogs ate less than usual after the death of another canine companion.

- ♥ About 11 percent actually stopped eating completely.
- ♥ About 63 percent of dogs vocalized more than normal or became quieter.
- ♥ Study respondents indicated that surviving dogs changed the quantity and location of sleep.
- ♥ More than half the surviving pets became more affectionate and clingy with their caregivers.

Overall, the study revealed that 66 percent of dogs exhibited four or more behavioral changes after losing a pet companion.

– By James Gordon, Published 21 June 2013



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Fun Facts!

- ♥ **A bird's heart beats** 400 times per minute while they are resting.
- ♥ **A cat's tongue is scratchy because** it's lined with papillae—tiny elevated backwards hooks that help to hold prey in place.
- ♥ **Dogs can alert their owners of** an epileptic seizure up to an hour before it occurs.
- ♥ **A cat will almost never** meow at another cat. Cats use this sound for humans.
- ♥ **A fifteen-year-old cat has** probably spent ten years of its life sleeping.
- ♥ **Studies have shown that people who own pets** live longer, have less stress and have fewer heart attacks.
- ♥ **There are more than 350 different** breeds of dogs worldwide.
- ♥ **A goldfish can live** up to 40 years.
- ♥ **The shell of a turtle is** made up of 60 different bones all connected together.
- ♥ **A happy guinea pig may** jump straight up and down. This movement is called 'popcorning'.
- ♥ **Did you know that rabbits jump** for joy when they are happy? This jump is called a 'binky'.
- ♥ **The hamster is** an active pet who may run up to a mile a day.
- ♥ **Leopard geckos are** unusual among reptiles because they have eyelids.
- ♥ **Unlike most spiders, a tarantula** doesn't use a web to catch its prey. However, it may spin a trip wire to signal an alert when something approaches its burrow.

Grief Support

Forever Friends offers a complete library of books to help cope with the loss of your pet. Stop in anytime during regular business hours to check out one of our free to use books. We also publish a bi-annual newsletter with lots of information and tips. Books available for check out from the Forever Friends Grief Support Library:

- ♥ "Charlotte's Web" by E.B. White
- ♥ "Pet Loss" by Herbert A. Nieburg, Ph.D. and Arlene Fischer
- ♥ "The Fall of Freddie the Leaf" by Leo Buscaglia Ph.D.
- ♥ "When a Pet Dies" by Fred Rogers
- ♥ "Lifetimes" by Bryan Mellonie and Robert Ingpen
- ♥ "I'll Always Love You" by Hans Wilhelm
- ♥ "The Tenth Good Thing About Barney" by Judith Viorst
- ♥ "Will I See You In Heaven (for Dog or Cat)" by Friar Jack Wintz
- ♥ "Will I see my pet in Heaven?" by Friar Jack Wintz
- ♥ (DVD) "We Will Miss You—Support for Grieving the Death of a Pet"

Pet Bereavement Support:

THE ASSOCIATION FOR PET LOSS AND BEREAVEMENT

(718) 382-0690 • www.aplb.org

PET LOSS.COM

For pet lovers grieving the death of a pet or an ill pet.
www.petloss.com

THE RAINBOW PASSAGE

Pet Loss Support Center
(262) 376-0340 • douglasc@execpc.com



"Letter to my dying dog" by Darian, www.rainbowbridge.com

Dear Shedly,

From the moment you came into my life you have brought me nothing but joy. You have a gift for noticing people's pain and soothing it. When I cry you lick my tears, when I am sick you never leave my side, and when I am too depressed to get out of bed you lay with me. In all my life I have never met anything with a soul as pure and good as yours. Your love for me and this world is unconditional. One day I hope I can be half the person you thought of me to be. Every time you'd see me you'd run around in little circles and jump on my legs. I can't imagine being that excited to see someone, but you always were. Whether I was gone for two weeks or two hours. It didn't matter, the love was the same. I love you so so so much. You were never just a dog to me, and you never will be. Laying in bed with you for the last time I wish I could tell you all this, I wish you could understand.

As I cry about losing you, you lick my tears away and it breaks my heart that you have no idea I'm mourning you. I hope you can forgive me for what is about to take place, because for once in your life I'm taking you somewhere where you will not return home with me and everything will not be okay. You were going to die and I'm allowing that to happen so you will no longer have to live in pain. I'm sorry for this. I do not like playing god, most certainly not with my best friend's life, but hearing your groans of pain I just can't let you live in such agony. Especially when you love to run and jump so much.

I wish I could promise you fields of bacon, or that there's going to be an exact replica of me and our house in "heaven" but the truth is that I don't know if any of that is true. All I can do is just hope the Christians are right on the whole heaven thing. And if they're wrong? And you just stop existing? Then there will be a hole in my universe because you deserve a heaven, and fields of bacon. I'm going to miss you. When I look at my bed I'm going to see nothing there, in your crate will be one dog, not two. No longer will I call out "Come here girls!" But rather "Come here girl." When people ask I will say I have one dog but I will think of you, and I will miss you. I will take care of your sister the best I can, as I know no one will be more confused and hurt than her. The events to come are dreadfully scary and unknown, but there are a few things I do know that I can promise you.

- ♥ I will be there till the very end.
- ♥ I love you.
- ♥ Your sister will be fine.
- ♥ You will never be forgotten.

Love always, your human mom, Darian

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Donn Foote DIVISIONAL MANAGER



Donn joined Forever Friends team in October of 2014. Prior, he was with a local landscape company for 12 years as a product supervisor. Donn brings to Forever Friends a professional customer service relationship background.

Donn was born and raised in De Pere where he still lives with his wife Sara, two sons and dog, Belle.

Donn is a member of Resurrection Catholic Church, a member of the Knights of Columbus and serves on the advisory committee for the Bellevue Dog Park. He enjoys being with his family and going camping, golfing and playing softball in his free time.

Referral Partners

FOR AREA VETERINARIES, CLINICS & HOSPITALS:

Animal House Pet Clinic
www.animalhousegreenbay.com

Northwoods Veterinary Clinic
www.northwoodsvetcenter.com

Veterinary House Calls
920-822-8575

Riverside Animal Hospital
www.riversideanimal.vetstreet.com

Bay Area Humane Society
www.bayareahumanesociety.com

Wrightstown Veterinary Clinic
www.wrightstownvet.com/

4 Legged Friends Veterinary Clinic
www.4leggedfriendsanimalhospital.com

Bay East Animal Hospital
www.bayeast.com

Oak View Veterinary Hospital
www.oakviewvet.com

Animal Hospital De Pere
www.animalhospitalofdepere.com

Animal Hospital of Howard
www.animalhospitalofhoward.com

Allouez Animal Hospital
www.greenbayallouezanimalhospital.com

Animal Hospital of Ashwaubenon
ash-vet.com

Gentle Vet Animal Hospital
www.thegentlevets.com

Events

WBAY PET EXPO

Friday, March 24, 3-8 pm
Saturday, March 25, 10 am-6 pm
Sunday, March 26, 10 am-4 pm

2017 K-9 KARNIVAL

Josten Park
Saturday, May 13, 10 am-2 pm



BAY AREA HUMANE SOCIETY

www.bayareahumanesociety.com

1st annual Barkin Beer Fest

Saturday, April 22, 1- 5 pm

18th annual 5K Pet Walk

June 3, 8 am-12 pm

Doggy Dip

August 19
(920) 469-3110

NEW ZOO

www.newzoo.org
(920) 434-7841

Zoo & Parks Department Job Fair

Saturday, February 11, 8 am-12 pm

EggStravaganZoo 2017

Saturday, April 15, 9 am-2 pm

Party for the Planet 2017

Saturday, April 29, 10 am-2 pm

Sweet Safari 2017

Friday, May 12, 5-8 pm

Brew at the Zoo 2017

Thursday, June 15, 6-8 pm



COMING SOON:

Peter and Laura Mossakowski Family Dog Park, Bellevue
dogpark.com