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When a Pet Passes.....

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We have had to say good-bye recently to some truly magnificent animals, who, devastatingly for their owners and all those who loved them, have left this earth far sooner than any of us had wished for.



The passing of a pet is not something we like to dwell upon, however when the time does come, we've learnt a few things about grief that may help you.

It's important to remember that, for many of us, a pet is not "just a dog" or "just a cat", in many cases it is a companion who has been with you, every day, for many, many years. They likely have seen you through highs and lows, happy times and stressful times, and through all of it, they have been there for you, unconditionally. Never judging, just a gentle companion to be talked to, stroked and cuddled.

It is a special relationship, like no other in your life, and it leaves a massive hole when it is taken away from you. With your capacity to love your pet comes the necessity to grieve when they pass away, and this is a process you must wade through in your own way and your own time.

Your best friend during the grieving process is the beautiful legacy of memories your pet has left you. Spend time looking at pictures, don't feel you need to hurry to put their old bedding and toys out of sight. Looking at them will trigger memories, and as such laughter and smiles. There will be tears, go with your emotions, the hurt must be embraced before it can be lessened. Be patient and kind with yourself.

Others around you may minimise your grief with such clichés as "it's just a dog" or "it's just a cat".

This is not helpful, don't feel you need to conform to society's expectation that losing an animal is not painful...

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For many, and this is well researched, losing a pet is as painful as losing a member of the family.

Spend time in the company of those who understand and will help you through the process. Our door is always open at the clinic, we certainly understand your grief, and we are always happy to have a coffee and cake and share memories with you....and there is always a Coco hanging around at the clinic to sit on your lap. While we wouldn't advise rushing into another pet sometimes patting someone else's can be comforting.

Lastly, enjoy your pets, they are truly a gift, and a privilege to own, may you and yours have many, many more happy years together.

And remember! Cake is your friend!



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We are offering an arthritis check to all our patients currently on food and/or medication to control the condition for a the **special** price of **\$40***

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- Alfred A Montapert

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