

In memory of your loved one

The College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University is committed to your pet's health and well-being. Our veterinarians work diligently to preserve your pet's health and to sustain the human-animal bond that provides mutual benefits for all involved.

As happens with all living beings, though, our pets will eventually pass on. At this difficult time, College personnel can help you prepare your loved one for his final resting by offering pet HydroCremation services. We hope this service, provided with compassion and the utmost competence, will offer both peace of mind and a sense of closure for you and your family.

We pride ourselves in providing the quality of care and attention to detail that pet owners have a right to expect. As pet owners ourselves, we understand that your pet is an integral part of your family, and we try to help you deal with this loss. Our services are designed to allow you to provide a dignified farewell to your dear friend.

We specialize in offering the finest in individual pet cremations, a service that allows family members to cherish the wonderful memories of close friends respectfully and with dignity.

It will be our honor to serve you and your pet with a spirit of respect.

Laying Your Loved Ones to Rest

PET HYDROCREMATION SERVICES AT THE
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The environmentally-safe option

The College of Veterinary Medicine uses HydroCremation: a state-of-the-art, water-based, proven process to prepare your pet—from parakeets to draft horses—for final resting. Safer for the environment and for society than the traditional method, the College's sustainable approach produces 90 percent less greenhouse gas emissions and is used at multiple animal health facilities in North America.

Your pet will be carefully identified throughout the process and is cremated in an individual vessel. We use individual tracking tags and unique identification numbers, ensuring the highest degree of accuracy possible until your loved one's ashes are returned in a sealed container with a certificate of cremation. Wooden urns are available upon request.

Arrangements can be made by pet owners, their representatives, or their veterinarians. Animals can be brought to the College of Veterinary Medicine or to a participating animal hospital. Please call to schedule an appointment and for directions.



Find peace with your friend's passing

Anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one knows how difficult it can be to navigate the grieving process and to say goodbye. The emotional pain is just as deep for a person who has lost the companionship and love of a beloved pet.

Pets are much-loved members of millions of families. Meaningful and mutually beneficial relationships characterize human-animal bonds that can make it very difficult when our pets pass. For someone who has truly loved a pet, the loss of that animal can feel just as devastating as a human loss, as the very characteristics that make animals different than humans often make them more endearing. Like grief for humans, grief for animal companions is most effectively reconciled with time and in stages.

Grieving is a process of physical, emotional, social, and cognitive reactions to loss and the process will be different for everyone. Studies have found that people often go through stages of grief. Although responses to loss are as diverse as the people experiencing it, many people journey through similar stages, including the following:

- Shock/Denial
- Searching/Yearning
- Disorganization
- Reorganization

If you would like to speak about the loss of your pet, we invite you to call the consultants at Cornell's pet loss support line at 607.253.3932. Consultants are available Tuesdays through Thursdays, from 6 to 9 PM EST.

For more information, visit
www.vet.cornell.edu/Org/Petloss/.



“Pet cremations are of the utmost importance to us because we are implementing the final wishes for a member of the family.”
~ Paul Jennette