

Resources on Pet Loss & Grief for Dog Owners

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We understand how sad the death of a beloved pet can be. It is always helpful to talk about your grief with others who will understand. If you do not know anyone to talk to, you may want to call someone at one of the [Pet Loss Hotlines](#). It may also be comforting to read about others' thoughts on mourning for a pet. The following books may help you, family members, or friends who have lost or may be losing a pet. Those books marked with an * are for children, but provide comfort to adults as well.

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