

POINTS TO PAWNDER SERIES

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Pet Loss Resources Serving Hoosiers

The loss of a beloved pet can be profoundly traumatic. For many people, it is as painful as losing a human family member. Fortunately, there are places to turn for help with your grieving. Below is a list of various Indiana and national groups that can help you say good-bye to your beloved four-legged friend.

ASPCA National Pet Loss Hotline

The ASPCA Counseling Department offers a full range of pet loss and bereavement services. The National Pet Loss Hotline, offers free nationwide consultation to bereaved owners on a 24-hour basis.

Phone: 1-800-946-4646, type in pin number 140-7211 and leave your phone number.
E-mail: counselor@aspc.org

Pet Loss Support Group of Indiana

A free self-help support group that provides a means of communication with others who are experiencing grief over the loss of a pet. A phone support system is available for people to use in between meetings or for those who do not wish to attend meetings but do feel the need to talk with someone who understands. There is no charge to attend meetings or receive newsletters. The group meets monthly at a local library (see website for more info).

Phone: 317-898-1051
Website: www.inpetloss.org
E-mail: oakhall13@cs.com

Pet Loss Grief Support Group of the Greater Indianapolis, Indiana area

A free self-help group that provides education about coping with loss and the emotional support people receive from discussing common feelings.

Phone: 317-251-4028
Website: www.gpaindy.org/petloss.html

Purdue University Veterinary Family Support Service

People who are having difficulty adjusting to the death or illness of a beloved pet can get counseling at Purdue University's School of Veterinary Medicine, provided by trained veterinary students.

Phone: 765-494-1107

Chicago Veterinary Medical Association Pet Loss Helpline & Support Group

Provides referral information on professional grief counseling and information packets on children and grief, euthanasia, pet loss and the elderly and a pet loss bibliography. Call and leave a voice mail message at any time. A volunteer will pick up messages and call back between 7-9 p.m. Central Time each weekday evening. There is no charge for this service, but long distance calls will be returned collect.

Phone: 630-325-1600
Website: www.chicagovma.org/petlosssupport/

University of Illinois C.A.R.E. Pet Loss Helpline

The C.A.R.E. Helpline (based at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) was developed to provide a supportive outlet for people experiencing the actual or anticipated loss of their cherished companion animal.

Phone: 877-394-CARE
Website: www.cvm.uiuc.edu/CARE/
E-mail: griefhelp@cvm.uiuc.edu

Association for Pet Loss & Bereavement (APLB)	<p>The APLB is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people who are coping with the death of a pet. APLB has created a worldwide clearing house for all information on pet bereavement on their website, updated regularly with what they believe to be the best bibliography of books and tapes on this subject.</p> <p>Phone: 718-382-0690 Website: www.aplb.org E-mail: sife@aol.com</p>
National Cancer Support Group for Animals	<p>A group dedicated to providing support for those individuals who have lost or are going to lose a pet. Although their focus is on those dealing with cancer, they are available to all those who love their four-legged kids. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week</p> <p>Phone: 508-285-2525</p>
Pet Angel Memorial Center	<p>Located in Carmel, this agency helps people mourn, memorialize, and celebrate the life that they shared with their pet angel.</p> <p>Phone: 317-569-6000 Website: www.petangelmemorialcenter.com E-mail: info@petangelmemorialcenter.com</p>
Faithful Friends, Inc.	<p>Pet After Care Services is designed to give you many dignified ways to say goodbye to your trusted pet friend.</p> <p>Phone: 574-389-9900 Website: www.faithfulpetfriends.com E-mail: info@faithfulpetfriends.com</p>
Pet Loss Support	<p>Counseling for adults, adolescents, and children for pet loss support.</p> <p>Website: www.joyful-spirit.com E-mail: kim@joyful-spirit.com</p>
Pet Loss Grief Support Website	<p>Home to the Monday night candle ceremony to honor your sick or departed pets.</p> <p>Website: www.petloss.com</p>
Rainbows Bridge	<p>A grief support center with pet loss forum and one-on-one counseling options available.</p> <p>Website: www.rainbowsbridge.com</p>
Angel-Hearts Organization	<p>Online memorials and a support/discussion forum.</p> <p>Website: www.angel-hearts.org</p>
Animal Love & Loss Network	<p>ALLN seeks to bring together those who are mourning the injury, illness or loss of an animal companion.</p> <p>Website: www.alln.org</p>
Books	<p>The following books may also be of interest in helping you deal with the loss of a beloved pet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Coping with Sorrow on the Loss of Your Pet</u> by Moira Anderson. 2nd Ed. Loveland Co., Alpine Publications 1996 ▪ <u>Pet loss: A Thoughtful Guide for Adults and Children</u> by Herbert Nieberg, Ph.D. New York, Harper & Row 1996 ▪ <u>The Loss of a Pet</u> by Wallace Sife, Ph.D. rev. ed. NY Howell Book House 1998
<p>Important Note: Indiana-PAW's POINTS TO PAWNDER SERIES is intended to provide quick information to help citizens locate animal-related resources. Note that inclusion in this list does <u>not</u> indicate a recommendation on Indiana-PAW's part, but rather is simply a compilation of commonly available information. In addition, please contact Indiana-PAW if you're aware of resources that should be added to this flyer.</p>	