



HEARTSEASE PET CEREMONIES

A funeral or memorial ceremony is a way of saying goodbye to a pet, just as it is a way of saying goodbye to a person. It's about saying that this life mattered, that the love and grief you feel is not trivial or unimportant, and it provides comfort and closure.

WHAT ARE THE CEREMONIES LIKE?

Ceremonies can be arranged to suit your preferences; generally they consist of some opening words which acknowledge your sorrow and the need to say a final goodbye, followed by a tribute to your pet, which can include the pet's life story, particular characteristics that were loved, and a sharing of any special memories. Some people like to have music, or readings of poetry and prose, or to involve symbolic gestures such as lighting a candle in memory of the pet.

I'M NOT RELIGIOUS, DOES THAT MATTER?

Not in the least, ceremonies do not need to include any religious references if you don't want them. Plenty of funerals for human beings do not involve religion. If you do have a religious faith then it is up to you if you would like specific readings, hymns or songs, or an interlude for prayer during the ceremony.

MY PET HAS ALREADY BEEN BURIED/CREMATED, CAN I STILL HAVE A CEREMONY?

Yes: memorial ceremonies or a ceremony for the scattering or interring of ashes can be performed.

CAN I/WE/OUR GUESTS PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONY?

Yes, a celebrant-conducted ceremony can include a space for anyone who has a particular memory or comment to share, to do so. You or your family members or guests can also give readings or indeed sing songs or play tunes if you would like to do so.

The following information will help me to learn more about your pet and will enable me to put together a remembrance service to meet your needs. Please feel free to supply me with any extra information and photographs that you have.

Pet's name:

Male or female:

Type of animal:

Pet's age (approximate age is fine):

Tell me about your pet: life story, special characteristics, particular events that you remember fondly.

Do you have religious, spiritual or philosophical beliefs that you want to include in the ceremony?

Do you have any favourite readings of prose or poetry, or pieces of music that you want to include?

Do you or any of your family want to share memories of your pet or read out a poem or quotation yourselves?

Please email me with your information
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To book a ceremony or discuss your options, feel free to get in touch via phone, email or facebook.