



Pet Grief Counseling & Support
CAROLINA VETERINARY SPECIALISTS

Local Support Groups:

1. Charlotte: Pet Grief Support Group with Dr. Ginny Dodd

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00 – 8:00pm at Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church in the library of the Hope Building at 600 Seigle Avenue at the corner of 10th Street in Charlotte. You may attend any number of meetings at no charge. Feel free to bring pictures, toys or other objects connected with your pet.

2. Charlotte: Kristen McClure, MSW,LCSW – Licensed Clinical Therapist, individual and/or family counseling available. 1515 Mockingbird Lane, Suite 814, Charlotte, NC 28209, (704) 525-8787, www.kristen-mcclure-therapist.com
3. Asheville: Christy Gunther, MA, LPC, Pet Loss Support Group, 3 Woodfin Avenue, Asheville, NC 28804, meets at Unitarian Universalist Church of Asheville, One Edwin Place, Asheville, NC 28801, (828) 258-3229, cgunther@charter.net (donation requested)
4. Burlington: Faithful Friends Pet Loss Support Group, Hospice of Alamance Caswell, 914 Chapel Hill Road, Burlington, NC 27215, (919) 532-7216, mj@hospiceac.org
5. Hillsborough: Unicorn Bereavement Center, Triangle Hospice, Hillsborough, NC (919) 644-6869

By Telephone:

1. Florida Animal Health Foundation's Pet Grief Support Hotline

(800) 798-6196

Veterinary student volunteers from the University of Florida and members of the FAHF board of directors and volunteers will return calls every evening between 7 and 9 pm, 7 days a week.

2. Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine
(614) 292-1823
Monday – Friday 6:30pm – 9:30pm and Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm.
Hotline coverage is dependent on volunteer availability
3. Pet Loss Support Hotline
College of Veterinary Medicine
Cornell University
(607) 253-3932
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 6-9pm EST
4. The Iams Company maintains a special toll-free number for grieving pet owners. The Iams Pet Loss Support Center & Hotline can be reached at: (888) 332-7738 Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm
5. Dove Lewis Emergency Animal Hospital Pet Loss Support Services
Providing free pet loss support groups in the Portland, Oregon area since 1986.
24 hour message line (503) 234-2061
Long distance calls will be returned collect.
E-mails can be sent to grief counselor, Director of Pet Loss Support Services, Enid Traisman, MSW at etjournal@teleport.com
Visit their website at www.dovelewis.org
6. American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)
Pet loss support program hotline: (877) 474-3310
7. College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois
<http://vetmed.illinois.edu/>
The C.A.R.E. Helpline is staffed by veterinary students who have received training by professional grief counselors and receive ongoing supervision by a licensed psychologist. People who are either grieving the loss of a companion animal, or are anticipating a loss are encouraged to call our toll-free line at: (877) 394-CARE.

8. Barbara Meyers

Certified Grief Therapist

Staten Island, New York

(718) 720-5548

Home & office visits, Long Distance consultations, Groups (where appropriate)

Initial evaluation (by phone) available without cost.

Literature on loss, grief, mourning, hospice/comfort care management of chronic & catastrophic illness & behavior available on request.

9. Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine Pet Loss Support Hotline

(508) 839-7966 Monday through Friday, 6-9 PM EST 24-hour voicemail.

Calls from outside of Massachusetts will be returned collect.

10. Washington State University, College of Veterinary Medicine

Pet Loss Partnership, Pullman, WA (509) 335-5704

Phones are staffed Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 6:30 – 9:00 PM and Saturday 1:00 – 3:00 PM Pacific Time. Messages can be left 24 hours a day and will be returned as soon as possible.

11. The Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine

Tuesday, Thursday 6-9 PM Eastern Time (540) 231-8038

12. Iowa State University Toll-free Pet Loss Support Hotline (888) 478-7574

Hours of operation: September – April: 7 days a week, 6:00 – 9:00pm CST

May – August: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 6:00 – 9:00pm CST

13. University of Florida Pet Loss Support Hotline, Gainesville (352) 392-4700, ext. 4080

Calls will be returned 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM EST

http://neuro.vetmed.ufl.edu/alt_med/petgrief/petloss.htm

This hotline will call back anyone, anywhere, at no cost to the caller.

Counselors:

1. Asheboro: Judith Stutts, PhD, Pet Bereavement Counseling, (336) 625-1400, jcstuttsphd@petloss.org, <http://www.petloss.org>
2. Asheboro: Laurel Reinhardt, PhD, 82 Pressley Road, Asheville, NC 28805, (828) 215-7424, InnerLandscaping@aol.com
3. Greensboro: Peggy Haymes, M.Div., MA, 620 N. Elm Street, Greensboro, NC 27401, (336) 378-0801
4. Raleigh: Tracie Barton-Barrett, MS, NCC, LPC (919) 559-4379, <http://www.AnimalsConnectUs.com>, Tracie@AnimalsConnectUs.com
5. Raleigh: Amy Benton Moulds, Med, NCC (919) 272-1388 or (919) 772-9371
6. Winston-Salem: Rev. Susannah Crolius, 2247 Queen St, Winston-Salem, NC 27103, (336) 716-4745
7. Winston-Salem: Peggy Haymes, 453 West End Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27101, (336) 750-0706