



## New Products - Dog Urn

Pet Praise Memorials is pleased to announce the latest addition to our cold cast urn series and pet cremation urns! We have begun to expand our collection of cat urns to the dog urn as well due to the demand of our customers. These pet urns are made from an original sculpture in the U.S. and are made of cold cast bronze and cold cast porcelain (resin with bronze or porcelain powder). They come in the colors of Bronze, Verdigris and Porcelain. Each pet urn resembles a small dog with wings lying on a woven style basket with an



engravable collar to add a personal touch. The urn weighs a little over 1 pound and the dimensions are 8" in length, 7" in width and 4" in height. The dog urns have a capacity of 50 cubic inches, which will hold the cremated remains of a dog with the live weight up to 45

pounds. Pet Praise now offers the dog urns for sale on the Web. They sell for \$ 125.00 retail with engraving, if you are a wholesale customer please contact our Wholesale page on the website for more information and pricing.

## Personalization - Wooden Engraving and Name Plates

Pet Praise Memorials understands that you may feel your pet is a cherished family member, and it is understandable to want a special place to memorialize your friend. Pet Praise believes one of our beautifully hand-crafted pet urns is a wonderful tribute and we now offer personal wooden engraving and name plates for our wooden pet urns. Pet Praise Memorials has a full list of Urns that can offer the wooden engraving in the gold fill or the brown fill and we also offer a full list of items



that can have a personal name plate, with many different options, for your loved one. We understand your pet was one-of-a-kind with a cheerful personality and spirit, that's why we continually expand our inventory to give you as many options as possible, and we will attempt to offer any extra needs for your family if they are not readily available. We want you to be 100% satisfied with your pet

urn choices you make with Pet Praise.

### Special points of interest:

- NEWEST LINE OF DOG URNS
- FROM AN ORIGINAL SCULPTURE
- 3 COLOR CHOICES - BRONZE, VERDIGRIS, PORCELAIN
- CAPACITY OF 50 CUBIC INCHES
- SHOP NOW ON THE WEB!

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# Pet Praise Memorials “Holding Memories Close”

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## Explaining Pet Loss to Children: A Guide to a Child’s Psyche



Death and dying are two of the hardest facts of life to explain to children. How we handle this event can have a far-reaching impact on our children's understanding of death and dying.

### A Guide to a Child's Psyche

A child's ability to understand what death means depends on his/her emotional and cognitive development.

**Under 2:** A child can feel and respond to a pet's death, based on the reaction of those around him or her. A child picks up the stress felt by family members, no matter what the cause.

**2 to 5:** The child will miss the animal as a playmate, but not necessarily as a love object. They will see death as a temporary state – something like the way leaves fall off a tree in fall but grow back in the spring. As they perceive the trauma around them, however, they may regress in their behavior (e.g., thumb sucking).

**5 to 9:** Children begin to perceive death as permanent, but they may indulge in “magical thinking,” believing that death can be defied or bargained with. This is also the period when children recognize a correlation between what they think and what happens. For instance, a child may resent taking care of the pet and wish – however briefly – that the pet would die. If the pet then dies, the child is often consumed with guilt. Parents need to reassure children that they did not cause the pet's death.

**10 and up:** Children generally understand that all living things will eventually die, and that death is total. Understanding and accepting are two different things, however. They may go through the normal stages of grief that grownups do: denial, bargaining, anger, guilt, depression and acceptance. Or they may react in other ways:

- Depending on the age, the child may regress (sucking their thumb or temper tantrums that they had outgrown).
- An older child may withdraw from friends and family for a while. Schoolwork may suffer and they may seem uninterested in extracurricular activities.
- Children may fear abandonment. If a pet can die, then they may reason that their parents could die as well.
- Children often become intensely curious about death and what happens to the body. They may ask for details that you may find uncomfortable to explain. These are questions you should answer in a straightforward, gentle and careful manner.



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### Schedule of Events

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED                      | THU                         | FRI | SAT |
|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|-----|
| 1   | 2   | 3   | 4<br>Independence<br>Day | 5                           | 6   | 7   |
| 8   | 9   | 10  | 11                       | 12                          | 13  | 14  |
| 15  | 16  | 17  | 18                       | 19<br>Newsletter<br>Release | 20  | 21  |
| 22  | 23  | 24  | 25                       | 26                          | 27  | 28  |
| 29  | 30  | 31  |                          |                             |     |     |

- Date - July 4, 2007 -  
Happy 4th of July
- Date - July 19, 2007 -  
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## Explaining Pet Loss to Children: 8 Do's and Don'ts

- Be open and honest. This includes the pet's health and euthanasia. If a pet is terminally ill and needs to be euthanized, the child needs to be told as soon as possible by the parent. Again, avoid those tempting euphemisms that cloud understanding, such as telling a child the pet was put to sleep. Use the words *death* and *dying* to make your meaning clear.
- Make sure the child understands what "dying" means. Explain that the animal's body stopped working. Depending on your beliefs, you might explain the concept of a soul. However, it is important for the child to know that the pet has died and will not be coming back.
- Be available to let your child discuss their feelings about what happened. You may want to hold your own service to memorialize the pet and to say goodbye formally. Some people plant trees in a special spot in the yard, others bury the pet in a cemetery so the family can visit. Encourage your child to show his/her feelings by talking or writing about the fun times they had with their pet.
- Show your own feelings. This tells the child that the pet was special and that they are not grieving alone. You can also encourage your child to open up, which can help the healing process.
- Tell your child's teachers about the loss, so they will understand why your child is behaving differently.
- Don't blame the veterinarian. Some parents find it easier to lay it all on the vet. This is not only unfair to the veterinarian, but potentially harmful to the child. He or she may grow up distrusting veterinarians and, by extension, doctors and other medical professionals. Your veterinarian can help the parent explain why euthanasia may be the most humane option, and answer questions the child may have.
- Parents often want to ease their child's hurt by rushing out and buying another pet, but this could be a mistake. The last thing you want to do is convey the impression that the pet – a family member – is replaceable. Wait until the child expresses an interest in another pet.
- Children are very resilient, and they usually learn to accept their pet is gone. If a child persists with nightmares or seems unable to cope, however, it may be necessary to talk with a counselor.

### Where to Turn for Help

Local shelters often hold workshops and support groups to help people after pet loss. Contact your local shelter for information. There are also a number of organizations dedicated to helping people cope around the country.



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Pet Praise Memorials knows how hard it can be to lose a cherished pet and we understand your desire to remember your pet in a dignified manner. Pet Praise Memorials has been providing pet urns to the pet cremation industry since 2001. Pet Praise was started by importing wooden urns from a friend and supplier in Romania, and we are proud to be the exclusive supplier in North American of these urns. We are now serving 43 states and Puerto Rico.

### We offer a variety of Pet Urns to our customers

Traditional Urns from Romania  
Teak Type Wooden Urns from India  
Laser Marble Urns  
Photo Urns  
Brass Urns  
Cat Urns  
Dog urns  
Figurines  
Keepsakes  
Engraving  
Lots to come in the next few months....

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## Shop on the Web!

[www.petpraisememorials.com](http://www.petpraisememorials.com)

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### Preview the Next Issue.....



The Madison Series

- The Madison Series - *Our newest brass urn from India.*
- Shelby Collection - *A look at our brass series.*
- 5 ways to remember your pet - *Finding personal ways to say goodbye.*
- Pembroke Series - *A new option for your precious photo's.*
- Getting to know the owner - *Some interesting information on the man you will get to know.*