

## Private Cremation Options:



Wooden casket with brass plate



China urn



Plain card scatterbox

## Dealing with Bereavement

There are many organisations that can help you through this difficult time:

Blue Cross Pet Bereavement Support

Tel: 0800 0966606

Email: [www.bluecross.org.uk](http://www.bluecross.org.uk)

Society for Companion Animal Studies

Tel: 0800 0966606

Email: [www.scas.org.uk](http://www.scas.org.uk)

PCS – Pet Cremation Services

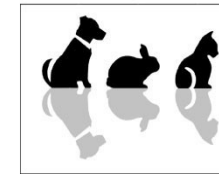
Tel: 01604 740864

Email: [www.pcsonline.org.uk](http://www.pcsonline.org.uk)

There is also a book to help you through this difficult time with your children:

**Missing My Pet** by Alex Lambert, Aged 6

Available to purchase from the surgery



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*Saying Goodbye -  
For when the time comes*



83 High Street, Hillmorton, Rugby.

Tel: 01788 542221

1 Craven Road, Rugby.

Tel: 01788 562844

12 Upper Grove Street,

Leamington Spa.

Tel: 01926 422592

[www.rainsbrookvets.co.uk](http://www.rainsbrookvets.co.uk)



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*For when the time comes.....*

Rainsbrook Veterinary Group is here to help you through this traumatic time.

Losing your family pet is an extremely distressing time and we all deal with the loss of a loved one in different ways

Our aim is to help you understand the process you are about to go through with your pet, to help you decide what to do afterwards and where to turn for further advice

### **How do I know when it is the right time?**

Making the decision to say goodbye to your loved one is never easy.

Few pets pass away peacefully at home and so the decision often comes to you, the owner. Most of us know deep down when the 'time is right', when the bad days outweigh the good and our staff are at hand to advise you of your options.

### **What happens when my pet is put to sleep?**

When the decision is made the vet will explain the next step. You may choose to bring your pet to the surgery or we can visit you at home.

Appointments at the surgery are made at quiet times, to allow you privacy. Home visits are usually made between 11am - 4pm (please be advised home visits are charged at a higher rate).

For those people who have not gone through this process this is a brief summary:

- The nurse will assist the vet by holding your pet's front leg.
- The vet clips a small amount of hair and the nurse raises the vein
- The vet injects an overdose of an anaesthetic agent into your pet's vein and they will slowly drift off to a peaceful sleep.
- Sometimes in older or seriously ill pets the above process may take slightly longer
- You may choose to stay with your pet during this time or leave the room and return afterwards to have time to say goodbye
- Your pet may take a few gasps after they have stopped breathing. This is natural as the muscles take time to relax, but your pet will have already passed away.

### **What do I do next?**

You may have already decided what to do next, but for those of you that have not, these are the options:

- You may take your beloved pet home to bury
- Your beloved pet can be cremated with other pets at a pet crematorium and their ashes scattered in a garden of remembrance.
- Your beloved pet can be individually cremated and their ashes returned in a wooden casket (for burying) with an inscribed brass plate or with a china urn or cardboard container (for scattering) - Please see photos of these over the page.

This can take up to 14 days and we will call you or send a note to advise you when your pet's ashes are ready for collection.

Here at Rainsbrook Veterinary Group we use Pet Cremation Services (PCS), based in Guilsborough, Northampton. They will come and collect your pet from our surgery and carry out your requests. They have an open house policy, so you can visit if you wish (further details on the back of this leaflet)

For individual cremations in caskets you can choose what you would like written on the plaque (usually pet name)

PCS also offer stones, wall plaques and paw stones if you wish to have a garden memorial and these can be purchased direct from PCS.