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Dogs' Homes of Tasmania

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Canine Connections ~ Saying Goodbye



Grieving is a very personal thing and everyone does it differently; crying, loneliness and depression are all natural reactions to death – including the death of an animal companion.

"Pull yourself together.....it was only a dog"..... is not helpful because the strong connections between people and their companion animals often mirror those found in human relationships.

Research into grief and loss has shown that there is a pattern to the way most people grieve and that this pattern is the same for the loss of a human or animal companion. First comes shock and disbelief which helps to protect us from the full impact of the loss. Secondly, anger may set in.

In the case of our animals, this may be directed at the vet or at ourselves... *'if only I had done.....'* Depression can follow anger resulting in a general lack of interest in daily life and this may last just a few days or a few months.

The Petcare Information & Advisory Service assures us that grief pangs usually peak within 14 days and then decrease in intensity and frequency as recovery begins.

The owner who accepts that it is natural to experience grief fully will recover faster than one who suppresses it. Remembering the good times shared will eventually make the fact that the pet lived become more important than the fact that the pet died.

No loved pet is ever forgotten or replaced but remains a distinct personality in our memory even after we have welcomed another animal companion into the household.

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