



DULANEY VALLEY

PET LOSS CENTER

## **Pet Loss Planning Guide for Pet Parents**

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## Planning Ahead

Saying goodbye to a beloved pet is one of our most challenging experiences as pet parents. Our animal companions provide unconditional love freely, asking for little in return. Such devotion deserves celebration and memorialization in a way that reflects the unique beauty of their legacy. By planning your pet's final arrangements now, you can focus on cherishing quality time with them, knowing you have made difficult decisions before facing this vulnerable moment.

## Final Arrangements

The final arrangement choice for my pet is: ☐ Burial ☐ Cremation

### Burial

Would you like your pet to be interred in a pet garden at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which garden? \_\_\_\_\_



☐ **Pet Sanctuary** offers traditional ground spaces for memorial markers and an octagonal granite columbarium of cremation niches featuring a life-size bronze statue of a golden retriever and cat. A monument accepts bronze plaques in memory of pets not interred within the garden.



☐ **Faithful Friends** offers pet parents the choice of being interred with their beloved pet resting at their feet. Spaces for bronze or granite memorialization are available, as are granite cremation benches for placing human cremated remains next to those of a beloved pet.

If not Dulaney Valley, where do you wish to inter your pet? ☐ Home ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are there special items you would like to place with your pet? \_\_\_\_\_

### Cremation

Would you like your pet's cremated remains returned to you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you like to witness your pet entering the cremation chamber for your peace of mind? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What type of cremation would you prefer?

☐ **Private Cremation** means your pet is placed in the cremation chamber alone. Your pet's cremated remains will be returned to you in a temporary urn. You always have the option to select a permanent urn for an additional charge. Dulaney Valley Pet Loss Center offers a variety of pet urns and keepsakes on display and in stock for same-day purchase.

☐ **Communal Cremation** means your pet is cremated alongside other pets inside the cremation chamber and will not be returned to you. Communal cremated remains are placed in our ossuary in the Pet Sanctuary Garden, making them irretrievable. An ossuary is an underground vault designed to hold co-mingled cremated remains.

**To ensure the integrity of the cremation, every pet receives a unique identification number that accompanies them throughout the cremation process, regardless of whether you have chosen the private or communal option.**

## Service Options

Dulaney Valley Pet Loss Center offers a tranquil space for family and friends to honor their cherished pets. A visitation is an intimate moment to say farewell before cremation. Our memorial services include the casket or urn, which can be held outdoors or inside the Center, depending on the number of guests. We invite you to personalize the space with photo frames, favorite toys, fresh or artificial flowers, and flameless candles. We provide a magnetic board and easel for attaching photos and special mementos, creating a meaningful tribute to the deep bond you shared with your beloved pet.

Would you like a visitation before cremation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you want to hold a memorial service at Dulaney Valley Pet Loss Center? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, ☐ Indoors ☐ Outdoors  
(Indoor pet memorial services at Dulaney Valley Pet Loss Center incur an hourly fee.)

### Planning a Memorial Service

Do you have a song you would like to play? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a favorite verse, poem, or reading? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want yourself or someone else to speak about your pet? \_\_\_\_\_

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What items would you like surrounding your pet? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Memorialization Options

We offer a large selection of memorialization options to honor your pet. When your pet first enters our care, you may request a **clay paw print** or **fur clipping** for a nominal charge. Memorialization offerings related to burial and cremation include:



- ☐ **Memorial Markers** of bronze or granite in traditional or pet-inspired shapes can feature a photo montage or cameo of your pet.



- ☐ **Urns and Keepsakes** include full-size and miniature urns in wood finishes or metal alloys, suitable for inurnment or home use.



- ☐ **Caskets** include wooden or polystyrene caskets with padding and a pillow and blanket, or a standard unlined shell.



- ☐ **Cremation Jewelry** is available in precious metals with engraving options. Fur or feathers may be placed in place of cremated remains.



- ☐ **Cremation Benches** hold pet cremated remains in the Pet Sanctuary or pet parent cremains next to their pet in Faithful Friends.



- ☐ **Glass Art** is a one-of-a-kind blown glass memento encapsulating a small amount of your pet's cremated remains or fur.



- ☐ **Cremation Niches** within an octagonal columbarium in the Pet Sanctuary are designed to hold pet cremation urns.



- ☐ **Clay Paw Print** is an impression of your beloved companion's paw print and name to forever remember their imprint on your heart.

## All About My Pet

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth/Gotcha Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace/Where Gotcha: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings (Pet and Human): \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Toys: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Places: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Food/Treats: \_\_\_\_\_

## Favorite Memories Together

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