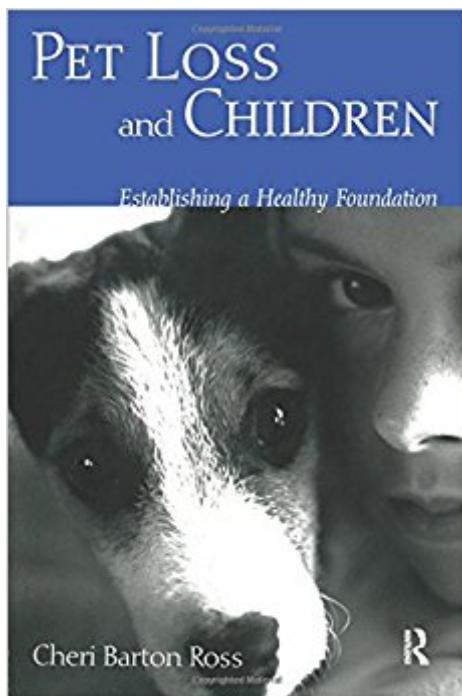


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# Pet Loss And Children: Establishing A Health Foundation



## **Synopsis**

Explaining the concept of death to a child is a very difficult, confusing, and uncomfortable experience for a parent, educator, or therapist, and it is a topic that is often first introduced by the loss of a pet - sometimes a child's earliest exposure to loss and grief. There is an undeniably special bond that develops between people and their pets, especially between animals and young children, and while the death of a pet can be devastating to an adult, children are often deeply affected by such a loss. Without readily available outlets for their feelings, the trauma of pet loss can remain with a child for life, and without help many adults feel inadequate and not up to the task. The aim of this book is to provide therapists, counselors, educators, parents, social workers, veterinarians, and physicians with resources to help children cope with the loss of a pet.

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'The loss of a beloved pet is a profound training ground for helping us to accept and process loss at every other level of our lives. Pet Loss and Children offers practical and meaningful tools for helping children navigate pet loss in a way that empowers, supports, and honors them. A must-read for anyone with a "or working with a " children.' - Susan Chernak McElroy, author of *Animals as Teachers and Healers* 'This thoughtful, thorough and sensitive book offers advice and insights for the parents, teachers, caretakers, and therapists who care for children suffering from the loss of a companion animal. Cheri Barton Ross validates and explains the importance of the human-animal bond on every page. This book enables adults to help children grow and learn from a painful life'

experience.' - Enid Traisman, author of *My Personal Pet Remembrance Journal* Â

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I had to buy this for a class. It does have a lot of information in it. A lot is common sense though.

I am a counselor at a Vet School and this book became very helpful when I first started in this program. I do work more with adults but I think this can cover those areas too.

Thank you

Cheri Barton Ross has given us a valuable and extremely helpful resource for supporting children through the loss of their animal companions. I often refer to this book when I have a question specific to children's loss and subsequent grief. When parents ask about resources for their children who are either already grieving or are anticipating the loss of their animal, I let them know about this book. When I write and speak on pet loss, I include this book on my reference lists. Why? Because Cheri Barton Ross combines her knowledge and experience in a way that clearly shows that the grief that children experience for their loved animal companions is just as real and just as painful as that felt by adults. The chapters address the core areas of the experience of pet loss in children. The book's thoroughness and relevance make it useful for, among others, parents, grandparents, veterinary staff, pastoral care staff and teachers as well as those in the counseling professions. Its relevance clearly cuts across a variety of situations. Thank you, Cheri Ross, for contributing to our body of knowledge and clinical practice. You have given us a resource that allows us to better support children as they grieve for their beloved animal companions. Betty J. Carmack, R.N., Ed.D., author, *GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A PET*.

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