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**A Journey Through
Pet Loss & Grief**

For when our animal companions leave us

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When Kids Lose Their Animal Friend

For kids, the death of a beloved pet, their animal companion, is usually their very first experience with death.

If a child has a pet at, say, age 4 or 5, and the pet lives, say, until the child is 13 or 14, the dog or cat or rabbit or bird has then become more of a sibling than an animal companion.

A best friend.

A partner. A confidant.

A real, living person to that child.

They shared a childhood together.

They grew up together.

And then the “best friend” dies. How powerful the death must be. The child’s world is rocked. An entire life spent together...or it certainly feels that way.

How we companion our child’s loss in this time, how we respond will affect them forever.

