



♡ HOME BURIAL GUIDELINES ♡

Choosing home burial for your beloved pet offers a permanent place of remembrance right in your own backyard

Consider having a memorial service at the time of burial to celebrate your pet's life. If desired, they allow time for family and loved ones to gather and share stories, as well as saying a final goodbye. A ceremony of life, funeral, or other memorial service ritual can be helpful in the mourning process and grief journey.

Here are some important aspects to consider when choosing home burial as your pet's final resting place:

🐾 Each municipality has their own by-laws and legislation regarding home burial, if this option is something you are considering, please contact your city/township office to learn more.

🐾 Please note: You must own the property or have obtained permission from the owner of the private property before burying your pet.

🐾 If you are unable to bury your pet within a few hours of their death, it is advisable to keep the body in a cold storage area.

🐾 It is recommended to dig the hole at least 4 feet deep, but also 4 feet above the ground water table, and cover with at least 4 feet of earth.

🐾 Avoid rocky areas and tree roots.

🐾 Maintain a 100 foot separation from wells or waterways.

🐾 Also be aware of any buried water, gas, or power lines.

🐾 Do not bury in a low-lying area, gully, or ditch that is prone to flooding.

🐾 You can bury your pet wrapped in a natural fibre blanket, cardboard, or wooden box. Avoid synthetic fibres and plastic bags.

🐾 For added protection from wild animals, you may choose to cover the burial spot with some of your pet's fur and top it with rocks.

🐾 There are also many beautiful memorial items, such as garden stones which can be engraved and personalized for your beloved to mark their final resting place.