

Outline

Client Grief Education:
How Pet Loss Grief Differs from Other Grief
How pet loss is often minimized by others
Why typical support systems may be unavailable
Unrealistic expectations about the grief process

The Role of Attachment in Pet Loss Grief:
Why Understanding Pet Bonding is Key to Compassionate Counseling
History of the human animal bond
Three types of pet bonds counselors need to know
The economics of pet bonds
Cultural and familial norms of pet relationships

The Disenfranchised Grief of Pet Loss:
Strategies to Help Clients Grieve Without Fear of Judgement
How to help clients understand the nature of a disenfranchised grief
Strategies to help clients externalize grief thoughts and feelings
How to find like-minded supports for clients
Techniques for educating clients and others on what is appropriate in grief

Anticipatory Grief:
Helping Clients with Pets Nearing the End
Understanding anticipatory grief
The role of pet parent and caregiver
How to help clients develop a trusting relationship with their veterinarian
Palliative care vs. Hospice care issues

Objectives

1. Investigate how pet loss grief is often minimized by others and determine how this can impact a client’s symptomology.
2. Apply psychoeducation approaches with clients to help normalize the grief experienced following the death of a pet.
3. Demonstrate to clients how mourning rituals can be used to help them better cope with the loss of a pet.
4. Formulate a plan to help clients better understand the nature of disenfranchised grief so they can grieve the loss of a pet without fear of judgement.
5. Evaluate how the complex decisions involved in saying goodbye to a pet, including euthanasia, can lead to guilt and self-blame in clients.
6. Integrate expectations about anticipatory grief and end of life issues into sessions with clients to help them better prepare for an upcoming loss.

Euthanasia in Pet Loss Grief:
Effective Interventions for Anger and Guilt
Strategies to help clients cope with anger, guilt and regret
Teach clients to use a caregiver journal to name and express feelings
Positive self-talk exercises to help clients heal

Mourning Rituals to Help Clients Cope with Pet Loss
Role of religion and belief in spirit
How clients can make a special place to honor and remember pets
The role of the veterinarian or pet memorial park
Continuing bonds to provide comfort and support
Use linking objects exercises to reduce the impact of loss

Group Therapy:
How to Create and Lead Pet Loss Support Groups
Group types -- closed or open, self-help or educational
Implementation and marketing strategies for your group
3 ways to quickly build trust and rapport with group members
How to ensure group safety

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8:00 Program begins

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Diana Sebzda, LPC, FT, is the director of bereavement at the Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Center where she provides both individual counseling and support groups for those coping with grief, anticipatory grief, and pet loss.

In addition to 17 years of grief counseling experience, Diana also has over 15 years of experience as a veterinary technician where she's witnessed the impacts of pet loss first hand.

Diana has been published in *Healthy Pet Magazine* and is a Fellow in Thanatology (FT) with the Association for Death Education and Counseling (where she is co-chair of their Pet Loss Networking Group). She is also a member of the Traumatic Loss Coalition of New Jersey, the American Counseling Association, and the Association for Pet Loss and Bereavement. Diana earned her M.A. degree in Applied Clinical Psychology from William Patterson University.

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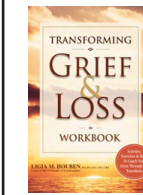
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Ligia M. Houben, MA, FT, FAAGC, CPC, CHT

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