



An aid to burying a pet.

We know how hard losing a pet can be and we know burial is a way of laying your beloved friend to rest. Most importantly during this time, remember to take care of yourself and allow yourself to reflect on the happy memories you managed to share with your pet.

There are minimal official guidelines on how to bury your pets but we have put together some advice so we can consider human, animal and environmental health.

- The majority of small pets can be buried at home, on your own land. This does not apply to chickens or ducks which are considered farm animals (pet or not) so must be cremated. Also, wild birds are to be cremated.
- We would advise that if a pet has died of a known contagious disease, they are cremated.
- Remember, dead animals may leak body fluids after they have passed away so be prepared for this in any transport of your pet.
- When digging a hole, ensure the top of the body is covered with at least 2 feet of earth. If this is not possible, consider placing a large rock or chicken wire over the hole to prevent wildlife interfering with it.
- Try to avoid burying a pet on a floodplain or too near the foundations of a house
- If you ever sell the property, it is worth notifying the new owner that there are bodies of pets buried on the land.