

Pendergrass Agriculture-Veterinary Medicine Library

Guide to sources on the Human-Animal Bond and Pet Loss

Use this guide to find out about: **1) the bond between animals and humans**
2) the human response to the loss of a pet

- To find books and other material in the library collections, **search the online catalog**. Choose **Subject Keyword** search. Recommended subject headings are listed below. In parenthesis is the number retrieved as of 06/03. Note: there is no need to type in the dashes.

Human animal relationships (172)	Broader subject headings to try:
Pets—Social Aspects (49)	Grief (271)
Pets—Death (52)	Bereavement (355)
Pet owners—psychology (60))	

- Selected **books** (for journals and journal articles see reverse) at AG-VET MED Library:

When Your Pet Dies/Quackenbush	SF411.47.Q3 1985
Pet Loss and Human Bereavement/Kay	SF411.47.P48 1984
Companion Animal Death/Stewart	SF411.47.S76 1999
The Human-Animal Bond and Grief/Lagoni	SF411.47.L34 1994
In the Company of Animals/Serpell	SF411.5.S47 1996
The Pet Connection/Anderson [et al]	SF411.5.P47 1983
Between Pets and People/Beck & Katcher	RM931.A65B43 1996

- **Comprehensive websites** produced by librarians or veterinary faculty at universities with human-animal bond and/or pet loss programs:

University of Guelph **Human-Animal Bond & Pet Therapy Web Links**

http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/pathfinders/habond/web_links.htm

Purdue University

Center for the Human Animal Bond <http://www.vet.purdue.edu/chab/bond.htm>

University California, Davis **PROGRAM FOR COMPANION ANIMAL BEHAVIOR/
GATEWAY TO HUMAN-ANIMAL INTERACTIONS**

<http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CCAB/compan~1.htm>

Kansas State University CVM Library: **Animals in Society Collection (searchable)**

<http://www.vet.ksu.edu/depts/Library/ais/index.htm>

University of Illinois **Animal Loss Bibliography**

<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/vex/ReadyRef/death.htm#loss>

Colorado State University

Argus Institute <http://www.cvmb.colostate.edu/argusinstitute/>

Changes: the Support of People and Pets Program

<http://www.cvmb.colostate.edu/changes/>

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

HABIT <http://web.utk.edu:80/~vetmed/habit/index.htm>

HALT <http://www.vet.utk.edu/halt/index.html>

HERO of Pets <http://web.utk.edu/~vetmed/habit/hero/heroindx.htm>

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- Selected **Journals** (see below for databases to search for articles in specific journals):
Note: may be available electronically. Check the online catalog.

Anthrozoos	QL85.A57/AG-VET MED
InterActions (Delta Society)	SF411.5.P46/AG-VET MED
Latham Letter (Latham Foundation)	SF411.5.L37/AG-VET MED
Applied Animal Behaviour Science	QL750.A7/AG-VET MED
JAAWS : Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science	SF405.5.J68/AG-VET MED
APLB :Association for Pet Loss and Bereavement, Inc.	SF411.47.N39

- **DATABASES** (use primarily to find articles in journals)
Get help with database choice and search strategies from a reference librarian for human-animal bond / pet loss topics! There may be other databases to search, which may not be obvious at first glance. Always do a cited reference search—see below for more information.

Search strategy suggestions:

MEDLINE/PubMed (4000 journals)
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/>

bonding human pet

CAB ABSTRACTS (10,000 journals)

pets
companion animals
(grief or bereavement) and pet*
death and pets

Agricola (2,000 journals/National Ag Library)
<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ag98/>

death and dying and pets
(grief or bereavement) and (pet* or animal*)
pet therapy

Consider the psychology and sociology **databases Psychological Abstracts** or **Sociofile**, **Dissertation Abstracts**, the education database **ERIC**, and/or the full text databases **Lexis/Nexis**, etc., depending on your topic. Please ask for help choosing databases if uncertain.

After identifying the best articles on your topic, perform a **cited reference search** using **Web of Science**, selecting both the science and social science subsets, in order to find articles that might have been missed by keyword variations or due to choice of databases. The Web of Science tutorial provides instruction in cited reference searching—see first page of the database.

All of the databases above are available on the UTK Libraries lists of databases at <http://www.lib.utk.edu/research/databases/> or directly at no charge at the URLs listed above. They are accessible to anyone on campus and to any UTK student, faculty, or staff person with an appropriate account off campus (see http://tns.utk.edu/students/remote_access/ for more information).