



Pet Memorial Education Programme

It's always hard saying goodbye to a much-loved pet. They are part of the family and do so much to enrich our lives. Why not make their legacy a lasting one too?

Donating your pet's body to the University of Bristol will help us to train the vets and anatomists of tomorrow - and help you to honour the amazing animal you have lost.

How can I take part?

If you decide to donate your pet's body to the Programme, please ask your vet for a copy of our information booklet.

You are free to change your mind at any time by notifying your vet and asking to withdraw.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of our staff.

Our online memorial book

Staff and students at the University of Bristol are hugely appreciative of all our donors.

You are invited to send a photograph and a few words about your pet to us so they can be remembered in our online memorial book
<https://pet-memorial-book.blogs.bristol.ac.uk/>

Contact us

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Help us teach our students

The University of Bristol trains up to 200 Anatomy, Veterinary Science and Veterinary Nursing students every year and holds regular training courses for qualified veterinary surgeons. As a world-leading school for veterinary education and anatomy, we work hard to help our students become skilled and compassionate professionals.

Studying real animals is the best way for students to improve their knowledge of anatomy and develop the professional expertise required to become a vet. Just as medical and dental students learn by studying donated human bodies, our students study the bodies of animals.

Our Pet Memorial Education Programme provides us with the animals we need to support this hugely important training tool. We rely on the support of pet owners to help us train the next generation of vets and ensure that the animals they care for continue to get the best possible treatment.

How can my pet help?

“We take pride in preparing our students to give the best possible treatment for the animals that will be under their care when they qualify. We rely on the generosity and understanding of those who donate their pets to help future generations of vets and the animals they will care for.”

**Professor Richard Hammond,
Head of Bristol Veterinary School**

“The dexterity and skill required to handle tissues gently and safely, minimize trauma, manage disease or injury, and preserve health and welfare can only be developed through practical training. The donation of your pet can allow development of surgical skills in a safe environment, ensuring new generations of skilled surgeons in veterinary practice.”

Frances Barr, Academic Director, British Small Animal Veterinary Association

“As a second year student, I can say that the anatomy practicals are vital for our learning; having lectures is one thing but having the animals in front of you is what brings the learning to life.”

Maddy Elgin, Veterinary Science student

“Knowing that Lola will help future vets to continue protecting future pets is truly comforting. The memorial page is a kind and thoughtful touch.”

Laura Hughes, owner of Lola



What will happen to my pet's body?

Soon after your pet's death (typically on the same day), our skilled and caring team will arrange to collect your pet's body. We can collect from your veterinary practice or your home, at no cost to you.

From the time of collection, we will be responsible for the safe keeping of your pet's body. Our students and clinicians are deeply grateful for the learning and research opportunities provided and will treat your pet with respect and dignity at all times.

Your pet's body may be used for veterinary and anatomy teaching and research related to the function and disorders of the animal body and for training and practising surgical skills and other clinical procedures.

In some cases, your vet may ask your permission to share your pet's medical history with us to enhance student learning and research. If this occurs, the identity of you and your pet will not be shared.

When teaching or training is complete, your pet's body will be cremated. We regret that we are unable to share details of how your pet's body was used, or to return your pet's remains or ashes.