

If “Burial” is your answer – read on

Where to Bury

For those of us who prefer burial to cremation, the options have been either burial at home or at a pet cemetery. Yet for those without a yard, the only option has been a pet cemetery. Unfortunately, most pet cemeteries do not provide simple and natural burials.

Pet Cemeteries

Most pet cemeteries promote the use of plastic caskets or metal containers. Some offer wood caskets, but these are usually treated with toxic finishes and lined with polyester. Also, most pet cemeteries do not have a dedicated section for natural burials. The *Green Pet-Burial Society* works to support green pet cemeteries.

Green Cemeteries

Many green cemeteries will allow the burial of your pet’s remains in your family plot (if permitted by that state’s cemetery laws). In some states – e.g., NY, CA, OR and WA - such burials are prohibited. The *Green Pet-Burial Society* provides a list of green cemeteries where pet burials are permissible, and supports efforts to change state cemetery laws to ensure such options exist nationwide.

Mission

To promote and encourage options for the natural, green burial of beloved pets in sites protected in perpetuity.

Bringing the
Green Burial Movement
to pet cemeteries

Supporting pet-burials in
family cemetery plots

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Support for a Simple and Natural Burial

We typically associate animals with nature, yet at the passing of a beloved pet, we do not have the option for a natural burial in most pet cemeteries.

The *Green Pet-Burial Society* joins the green burial movement in ushering in a new period

- ☼ when we – and our companion animals – can find new connections to *the natural* in life and in death,
- ☼ when we have easy access to alternatives to toxic environmental practices that define contemporary deathcare,
- ☼ where we can commit our bodies to the preservation and restoration of natural places, and
- ☼ when we can provide an option to all those who find comfort in bringing their loved ones *home*.



Objectives

The following objectives are designed to meet these overriding goals.

1. Public Education

To encourage families to become informed about local green burial options for their companion animals *before* their pet passes away.

2. Education for Pet Cemetery Professionals

To provide pet cemetery owners and managers with information that will support their interest in and provision of green burial options.

3. Permanent Status for Pet Cemeteries

To advocate for pet cemeteries to acquire governmental status as protected sites *in perpetuity* – a prerequisite for viable green burial options.

4. Pet Owner Mobilization

To encourage pet owners to network locally in order to work with existing pet cemeteries, purchase pet cemeteries, or establish new green pet cemeteries.

5. Capital Campaigns

To support the establishment of new green pet burial sites.

6. Advocacy for Pet Burials in Family Cemetery Plots

To change state cemetery laws in order to allow pets to be buried in family cemetery plots. While pets can be buried in family plots in many states, this practice is currently prohibited in New York, Washington, Oregon and California (we are investigating other states for a complete listing).

7. Interstate Transportation

To support systems that will facilitate the transportation of a pet's remains from one state to another for a natural burial back home.

8. Research

To facilitate multidisciplinary research about pet cemeteries and the natural burial of pet remains. Such research would include investigations into how the particular choice for the disposition of pet remains are connected to perceptions about animals and our relationships with them.