

DEATH OF A PET

Chichester, E. Up in Heaven. When Arthur's dog Daisy dies, she watches over him from heaven and eventually helps him find a new puppy. j PAR PIC Chichester

DiSalvo-Ryan, D. A Dog Like Jack. After a long life of chasing squirrels, licking ice cream cones, and loving his adoptive family, an old dog comes to the end of his days. j PAR PIC DiSalvo

Ehrlich, A. Maggie and Silky and Joe. Joe, a young boy who grows up under the protection of his family's cow dog, Maggie, must learn how to cope with loss when Maggie dies during a thunderstorm. j PAR PIC Ehrlich

Fox, M. Tough Boris. Although he is a very tough pirate, Boris von der Borch cries when his parrots dies. j PAR PIC Fox

Keats, E. Maggie and the Pirate. When Maggie's pet cricket is stolen, she and her friends embark on a search for the "pirate" thief which ensues in a small tragedy but the making of a new friend. j PAR PIC Keats

Manos, H. Samsara Dog. "Dog lived each life as it came until, finally, he learned the most important lesson of all." A parable of the Buddhist belief in reincarnation, this story describes eight lives of a brown dog. Readers see him first as a feral animal in an urban jungle, alone and trusting no one. His following lives, though, gradually come to contain more love and kindness, until in his final life he is the faithful companion to a blind boy. There he learns the highest type of compassion, after which he leaves Samsara (the cycle of birth and rebirth) and enters Nirvana. j 294.3 Manos

Partridge, E. Big Cat Pepper. Big Cat Pepper has always been part of the family, but after he grows very old and dies, the boy who loves him comes to understand his mother's reassurance that "his spirit is forever and can fly, fly, fly." j PAR PIC Partridge

Rogers, F. When a Pet Dies. Explores the feelings of frustration, sadness, and loneliness that a youngster might feel when a pet dies. j 155.9 R

Rylant, C. Cat Heaven. In cat heaven there are thousands of toys to play with, soft angel laps to curl up in and walks in God's garden. j PAR PIC Rylant

Rylant, C. Dog Heaven. God created dog heaven, a place where dogs can eat ice cream biscuits, sleep on fluffy clouds and run through unending fields. j PAR PIC Rylant

Stewart, E. Bimmi Finds a Cat. An eight-year old Creole boy on Galveston Island grieves the death of his cat Crabmeat, but when another lost cat leads him to a new friend he starts to heal. j PAR PIC Stewart

Viorst, J. The Tenth Good Thing About Barney. In an attempt to overcome his grief, a boy tries to think of the ten best things about his dead cat. j PAR PIC Rylant

Wilhelm, H. I'll Always Love You. A child's sadness at the death of a beloved dog is tempered by the remembrance of saying to it every night, "I'll Always Love You".
j PAR PIC Wilhelm

Zolotow, C. The Old Dog. When a young boy finds his old dog dead one morning, he spends the rest of the day thinking about all the good times they had together. j PAR PIC Zolotow