



Alaina Hinze holds a carved wooden urn as she stands in front of the cremation chamber.

jewelry made to hold a very small portion of your pet's remains.

The price of cremation is based on the pet's weight. For a private cremation, zero to 25 pounds is \$65, 25 to 50 pounds is \$70, 50 to 75 pounds is \$75, 75 to 100 pounds is \$85, 100 to 125 pounds is \$90, 125 to 150 pounds is \$105, 150 to 175 pounds is \$130, 175 to 200 pounds is \$165, and 200 to 300 pounds is \$180.

The cost of a private cremation includes local pickup within a 30-mile radius, at your home or veterinarian's office. If you would like to visit The Hill Pet Crematory and bring your pet yourself, you are welcome to do so.

Like a private cremation, the cost for a mass cremation is based on the weight of the pet and includes local pickup within a 30 mile radius at your home or veterinarian's office. For a mass cremation, zero to 50 pounds is \$30, 51 to 100 pounds is \$40, and 101 to 300 pounds is \$50.

If a memorial is what you

are looking for, The Hill Pet Crematory offer custom plaques with your pet's picture, poem, memory, and/or collar. A favorite among adults and children is the keepsake clay paw prints. This is a special mold of your pet's paw print that can be painted or decorated if desired.

The Hill Pet Crematory also offers a large variety of granite markers. The Hill Pet Crematory is able to design the perfect marker for your faithful companion's place of rest or to mark the dedication of a tree, for example, in the pet's honor. "It is our goal to offer something for everyone," Alaina said.

The Hill Pet Crematory also offers pre-arrangements so you can make sure everything is taken care of before the time of need. Alaina described her pet crematory business, "like a funeral home" for humans.

For more information about The Hill Pet Crematory and Cedar Hill Pet Cemetery, visit the Web site at [www.missouripetlosscare.com](http://www.missouripetlosscare.com).

"While the pet loss business is not always the most profitable business to be in, we continue to find this business to be our destiny," Alaina said. "As the primary operator, my love for animals and natural ability to genuinely love and care for other's pets has truly defined our mission statement; to inspire in others love and kindness for all of God's little ones."

## Cat Quips

"Cat: A pygmy lion who loves mice, hates dogs and patronizes human beings."  
—Oliver Herford

"Cats' names are more for human benefit. They give one a certain degree of confidence that the animal belongs to you." —Alan Ayckbourn, "Table Manners"



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## Buchheit donates dog food

Buchheit's Pounds for Pounds program produced approximately 1,400 pounds of dog food to be donated to area animal shelters. Marilyn Neville, left, of Bollinger County's Stray Project, and Alice Wybert, Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary, accept delivery of the dog food from Jackson Buchheit Store Manager Tyler Rossom. For every \$1 donated by customers, Buchheit donated two pounds to the animal shelters.



There are several options for urns and memorials, from a simple wooden box to a unique work of art designed especially for you and your pet. Or, you may choose an exquisite piece of jewelry made to hold a very small portion of your pet's remains. Grave markers are also available.

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