Books for Veterinarians

What Now? Support for You and Your Companion Animal by The Argus Institute at Colorado State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital, ISBN 9780692001035 (2009). Argus Institute’s new, comprehensive guide helps you support your clients through a difficult journey that begins with hearing that their animal is ill. By offering strategies for evaluating healthcare choices, assessing quality of life, making end-of-life decisions, and coping with loss, you and your client can work together through challenging times. $3.00 per copy. Please call Argus Institute at 970-297-4143 to order or request a free sample.

From the publisher:
This unique guide is written for all professionals helping clients deal with the loss of a pet, and serves as a practical introduction to the field of human-animal bonding. Citing several case studies, it describes various techniques for helping clients when the bond with a pet is broken. The authors present a step-by-step guide to leading clients through this special kind of grief and offer valuable practical guidelines. Until recently, books dealing with this topic have been aimed at the veterinary community. The authors of this book strongly feel that pet loss needs to be addressed by therapists and others in the helping professions, to better enable them to help their clients through the loss of their companion animals.

This book is written by three of the co-founders of the Argus Institute (formerly Changes: The Support for People and Pets Program). It is written specifically for veterinarians and their staff. Chapters include practical information about client grief, family-present euthanasia, communication skills, helping children deal with pet loss, and more.

A primer for addressing the human-animal bond, aimed at veterinarians and the entire veterinary healthcare team. Discusses important issues for bonding such as communication with the animal, understanding signs that the animal is stressed or in pain, and the obligation to serve. Also offers tips for consumers on how to care for common pets such as dogs and cats. (summarized from a review by Book Info)

Covering what to say and how your hospital's atmosphere communicates for you, this resource provides easy-to-understand information about what to say and do in 15 common situations. For more information or to order visit www.aahanet.org.

When a pet dies, you are faced with the human side of veterinary medicine—possibly the most difficult part of this profession. This valuable book offers specific strategies for handling several common situations relating to pet loss and euthanasia. The Practical Guide to Client Grief is divided into three helpful sections: Client Support Concepts: What You Need to Know; Client Support Strategies: How to Help in 15 Common Situations; and Client Support Resources: Tools for You to Use. For more information or to order visit www.aahanet.org.

Stewart, an honorary senior research fellow at the University of Glasgow Veterinary School, helps veterinary surgeons and other members of the veterinary practice team deal more skillfully and sensitively with everyday issues associated with animal death, whether death is by euthanasia, illness, or accident. She takes a positive approach to the needs of clients, the welfare of animals, and the personal and professional well-being of the veterinary practice team, stressing communication. (summarized from a review by Booknews)