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Chapter 1 : Pet Loss Links and Resources

All Creatures Do Go To Heaven Scriptures teach us that all creatures will be renewed and perfect in Heaven as well as the physical universe - It is only mankind in its pride that denies this fact Our discussions include such subjects as: animals, the Bible, creatures, dead, flesh, God, Jesus, Heaven, Greeks and, Hebrews, Holy Spirit, people.

Boy and dog praying- Do animals have souls? An age-old question regarding animals going to heaven was raised at the 3rd Nicene Council. When this question was posed to a present day preacher he responded with great intellect: There is nothing in the Bible stating that animals have no souls, indeed, many Scriptures suggest otherwise. Still, the pot-bellied monks of that Council were going to settle the matter arbitrarily on their own. The Council unanimously voted that animals do NOT have souls. So their vote makes it so. Meaning, they do NOT go to heaven. At the same council, the matter of women having souls also was put to debate and that only passed by A little known fact of ecclesiastical history. This of course provides a wonderful weapon for husbands. That should keep them in line. On a side note, St. Thomas of Aquinas, in his major work, Summa Theologica, posited that at birth, the souls of little boys are immediately activated. Souls of little girls, however, only kick in after 28 days. And He was possessive and protective of ALL of his creatures. I know all the fowls of the mountains: So animals do not go to heaven? Then why are animals mentioned in the new heaven and the new earth at which time, Jesus will appear riding a white horse? That would be an animal in heaven. And listen to these words of the Prophet Isaiah in chapter 11 vs. And the cow and the bear shall feed: It is the wolf especially that is mentioned in this Scripture. Yet this beautiful animal has been falsely maligned and given a death sentence. Even if they are miles away from any inhabited area, hunters will simply rent an airplane to fly to them and shoot and kill them from the air, without cause. His job was to kill wolves, based on information that has proved to be false. He stated in a recent interview, "Livestock losses attributed today to wolves and other predators are being exaggerated. The killing of wolves is based upon lies and corruption in obtaining government compensation. Even more terror and suffering will result for those who will stand before God to answer for this cruelty against his animals.. They love unconditionally, forgive quickly, have proved to be of great value as service dogs, helping handicapped children, the blind, and those who simply need their love. And they ask virtually nothing in return. It has been shown the deep feelings animals have, the grief they can show, the joy and the protection they offer and will give their own lives to do so. Now, the BIG Question: Do animals have souls? What do YOU think. And now, a final question. This concludes this series. It would be the height of foolishness to willingly offend God. And if we are genuine human beings, we should never want to be an instrument of cruelty or suffering. To do otherwise make us all savages.? To see complete 11 part series, go to:

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Chapter 2 : Do Pets Go To Heaven?

The title of this book is All Creatures Do Go to Heaven Especially Pets. Mr. Coombs demonstrates from the original meanings of several words in Bible Scripture this undeniable fact of pets and all other creatures going to Heaven, for example, 'soul' and 'spirit', and proves that they pertain to "all flesh", not just human flesh.

Do dogs go to heaven? We love our pets—whether dogs, cats, birds etc—and often consider them to be members of the family. The question still remains, do our dogs go to heaven when they die? One of the most poignant stories in the Bible is the parable the prophet Nathan told to King David. The prophet told the king of a poor man and his pet lamb. It neither confirms it nor denies it. God created everything—including animals—for His pleasure and His glory. But the Bible speaks of even inanimate objects, such as the sun, moon, and stars, praising God see Psalm Of course, we know these objects cannot praise God in the same way we humans can. However, they praise God by shining. By carrying out the role God planned for them, they glorify their Creator. Animals were made from the same dust as humans and have the same breath of life in them as we do, but God made men and women in His own image and entrusted them with the responsibility of overseeing, protecting, and enjoying the rest of His creation. Because humans can reason, we are able to make intelligent and moral decisions; animals cannot. God did not create animals with the ability to choose right or wrong, to accept or reject salvation. Only humans were given this ability to reason. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Only humans have the ability to make moral decisions for or against God. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. The plan of salvation is designed for human beings, not for animals. Since animals cannot reason and make moral decisions, they are not included in the salvation God has offered to humans. We are saved through our faith in Him. But animals cannot exercise saving faith in Jesus. Will I see my dog in heaven? Another way to ask this question is, "Will there be animals in heaven? Although our sins have destroyed ourselves and nature, God will restore both. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea" Isaiah They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD. Perhaps God may allow our beloved pets to be with us in heaven. Or He may choose to create a new pet for you. We must be willing to allow God to order things as He sees best—and trust that we will be happy with the situation in heaven. We may not know all the details of what God is preparing for us in heaven, but we do know that it will be far beyond anything we can imagine. The best advice is for us to love our pets and enjoy them while they are here with us—and trust God in everything for the future. He sees and knows all, and nothing is too hard for Him to do. God knows how much we love our pets and how much they mean to us. We can trust God that heaven will be a place filled with everything necessary for our happiness.

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Suffice it to say that a lot of Christians believe that pets do go to heaven and that there will be animals in heaven. What the Bible Says About Animals Let's take a look at the scriptures that relate to animals and what is said of them.

Tweet Almost everyone has lost a beloved pet. They become part of the family and many couples who are childless consider their pets as their own children. So what happens to pets after they die? Do they go to heaven? Will we ever see our dearly departed pets again? What is their fate? What does the Bible say about animals after they die? These precious loved animals include dogs, cats, horses, and even a few unorthodox pets that families have grown to love and grieve after they are gone. Pets Are Part of the Family Are pets part of the family? This may seem like a trivial question for some people but for those who have pets, this is a question that has been asked particularly after the death of their pets. The Bible is clear that babies, young children, infants, or toddlers that die before they are able to accept Jesus Christ as Savior go directly into the presence of the Lord. When a parent loses a child, they can be comforted with this fact, but this does not mean that they will not grieve them. I can remember losing pets and losing them is painful; our family has grieved these who were lost too. They are part of the family. They are treated as a child and I have had a few pets that thought that they were human too in the way they acted. I know of several couples that were unable to have children and so they were especially close to their pets and loved them as they would their very own children if they were able to bear them. They are always ready to jump up into your lap and are so full of joy at seeing you that they display this love in their actions. How often I have come home from a hard day at work only to see my beloved dogs or cats run with joy to greet me. Their sheer joy at seeing me often makes me forget what a difficult day I had because they are there to meet with eager expectation. Famous Christian authors who believe that pets go to heaven include: Suffice it to say that a lot of Christians believe that pets do go to heaven and that there will be animals in heaven. Surely the fate of human beings is like that of the animals; the same fate awaits them both: As one dies, so dies the other. All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return. Who knows if the human spirit rises upward and if the spirit of the animal goes down into the earth? Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them. Bow and sword and battle will abolish from the land, so that all may lie down in safety. Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. If our pets will be resurrected or not, we just cannot say for sure. A more important question is if you, the reader, will be in heaven. It is pointless to ponder the question of whether your pet goes to heaven if you yourself are not there. The only way to be sure is to make certain you can go there. Decide today to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior and have the full assurance that you will go to heaven and receive eternal life. As for your pets being in heaven or not, the only way to find out is to go there yourself. That is my prayer for you. Was this Article Helpful? If this article was helpful to you, please consider linking this article to your own blog or sharing this through the social buttons to the left. You might also find some of these other good Christian Answer articles helpful:

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There may be no good answer to this question either, except one certainty: Whether or not pets go to heaven, we can be quite certain that they do not go to Hell. Hell is reserved specifically for those who have made the wrong choice -- it is not a catch-all for those with no other destination.

Will we see our pets again? Do animals have a soul? Will my pet go to Heaven? We here at Rainbows Bridge have been asked these questions often. Our answer is yes to all the above. If we truly did not believe this, Rainbow Bridge would not have been created. Do you have a passage of scripture you would like added? Sanderson, indicates in a footnote that "soul" or "living being" are alternative translations for "life". The soul perceives, thinks, feels, and makes decisions and choices. In man, the soul can also cause sin. God gave man the choice to choose sin or righteousness, to worship himself or God. The lesser animals were not given this choice. God put them under the protection and dominion of man. Do Animals Have a Spirit? Below are some excerpts from Bible Scripture. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between Me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth. And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. After all, the same fate awaits man and animals alike. One dies just like the other. They are the same kind of creature. A human being is no better off than an animal, because life has no meaning for either. They are both going to the same place -- the dust. They both came from it; they will both go back to it. In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. However, He found one man named Noah who, along with his family, was righteous before Him. God decided to save Noah and his family and at least one pair of each kind of animal. Thus also said God to Noe Noah , and to his sons with him, behold, I establish my covenant with you and with your seed after you; And with every living soul that is with you, as well in all birds as in cattle and beasts of the earth, that are come forth out of the ark, I will establish my covenant with you, and all flesh shall be no more destroyed with the waters of a flood. This is the sign of the covenant which I give between me and you, and to every living soul that is with you, for perpetual generations. And I will remember my covenant with you, and with every living soul that beareth flesh: And the bow shall be in the clouds, and I shall see it, and shall remember the everlasting covenant that was made between God and every living soul of all flesh which is upon the earth. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity. All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return. Who knows whether the spirit of man goes upward and the spirit of the beast goes down into the earth? I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine. Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Bow and sword of battle I will shatter from the earth, To make them lie down safely. And if you will not redeem him, then you shall break his neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem.

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Chapter 5 : Animals Do Go to Heaven - Catholic Stand

My book "All Creatures do go to Heaven - especially Pets, proved from the original languages of the Holy Bible." has been published by Biblio Books in Israel. has been published by Biblio Books in Israel.

Animal lovers understand the grief and the terrible sense of loss that pet people experience at the death of their friend. Whether the pet is a hamster or an iguana, the loss stings. As with all death, people wonder where that person will go, and whether they will meet again in heaven. Sadly, many people in authority, such as priests, deacons, school teachers and parents, confidently state that only people go to heaven. This seems to me not only presumptuous but foolish. I believe all pets go to heaven. It is a logical expectation. God loves animals, for He loves all that He created. Our relationship with him was one of genuine understanding, affection and caring, and I cannot see what would prevent the goodness of God from restoring this blessing to us in Heaven. When our first dog as a married couple passed after 15 years, we decided we wanted another dog. The house seemed so empty without a dog. He was a Great Pyr, very skinny, with a sad face and a sad story. He had been abused, languished on a farm, and most recently been in a kill shelter down in Tennessee, but was rescued by this nice woman; and now his sad little face was on Petfinder. We were on the fence about adopting him because we wanted a puppy. Remy was two years old. His adopter reached out to us and told us that he had been attacked by her other dogs; for his safety, she would need to rehome him quickly. We saw a need and adopted Remy without meeting him. We renamed him after the Archangel Raphael and he became Ralphie. Ralphie had serious fear issues. Everything was new to him. With his abusive background, everything was threatening and a cause for fear. He was not aggressive at all and preferred to be alone. He appeared to be in a constant state of alert, even when sleeping. We were disappointed and sad that this poor animal was so messed up emotionally. Would we get rid of him or honor our commitment? We always honor our commitments, so there really was no choice. Accepting Ralphie for who he was and working with his issues was a life lesson for me. Ralphie taught me how to love like Jesus loves. We took Ralphie for training and worked tirelessly to help him become the dog God created him to be. After years of training, love, patience and understanding, he developed trust in us. We took him swimming at the beach, for car rides, and hours long walks. He loved his car rides, especially when the destination was the ice cream shop. He would screech for joy when we brought him to the dog park, and he just loved life. Every time we took him for a walk, people would stop their cars in the middle of the street to yell out how beautiful he was or ask questions about him. People wanted to hug and pet him, but as soon as they got too close he would pull away. They have long memories, and he was still afraid of strangers. Still, we wanted people to pet him eventually. Our intention before we adopted him was to train him as a therapy dog so that we could volunteer our time at hospitals and nursing homes. Everyone in our neighborhood knew Ralphie. He loved to stay in the front yard. We had no fence, so we would tether him to a long leash so that he could patrol the block. He loved to be out front, especially in cold and snowy weather. He looked like a polar bear and acted like one too. Ralphie would go to the front door and knock to go out front. He would also knock when he wanted to come inside. Whenever anyone would pass by he would bark. After a while he became accustomed to everyone who was supposed to be on the block and only barked at strangers. Everyone knew the big white dog who would always be in front of our house. People would approach him slowly, speak kindly to him and throw treats to him to gain his friendship. They loved Ralphie and I think it made them happy to see him. He used to bark and run after the school bus until he accepted them as regular visitors. The school bus drivers would stop the busses when they passed us on our morning walks, jump off the bus and give him treats. Our mailman, Ciro, bought a giant box of milk bones and always threw a couple to Ralphie. Everybody knew and loved Ralphie. They were happy that he barked to alert us to potential strangers on the block, and he became the honorary sheriff of the development. His barking has stopped. People knew he was gone because his absence was felt. The kids on the school bus asked about him. My neighbors rang the bell to find out where he was. People were devastated, or at least they felt bad. Our

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neighbors sent sympathy cards. Ralphie was gone but not forgotten. When I happen to be looking out the window and see people walk or drive by, they instinctively look up at our porch to see if Ralphie is there. I guess it was a habit many of my neighbors formed over the last 13 years. The house is quiet. The silence is deafening. My sweet nephews loved Ralphie. They asked me if he was in Heaven. I told them yes. I smiled gently and told them the Pastor is wrong, pets do go to Heaven. Truth Suggested by Imagination There have been stories passed down, books written and movies made about near-death experiences. Many of these accounts record seeing a departed loved one and even pets who have passed away. Sometimes I am skeptical, but rather than ponder the accuracy of such accounts, I like to ponder the definitely untrue depictions of the afterlife and analyze them for bits and pieces of spiritual truth. Short stories, movies and TV shows are great fodder for contemplation of life after death. Very often Hollywood incorporates our beliefs into storylines. On the other hand, however, its creativity can be warmly agreeable to Catholic sensibility. Thus, it is reasonable for the animal to be with him in the next life. Human imagination, like all human things, is a limited, fallible thing; but the images that recur in it can show us hints about the reality in which we live. That we are inclined to tell stories about animals in heaven does not, in itself, prove their presence there, but it helps indicate the logic of the idea. When I decided to investigate the question more deeply, however, I did what I had done when I made a serious commitment to examine my Catholic faith and understand why I believe what I believe. I went to Scripture. Theology and Scripture What immediately comes to mind are the many symbols God uses to illustrate animals in heaven: Popular Catholic piety includes some such images as well, such as St. Francis, always depicted with animals, and St. Dominic, symbolized by a dog with a torch. I could go on and on. While Scripture makes no direct statement on the matter, it does offer some hints or suggestions. For example, see Isaiah They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD. And finally, Revelation 5: God created everything and gave man dominion over the earth. When Adam and Eve sinned and mankind fell from grace, all of creation suffered the same punishment, which meant death for every living thing. I believe that God allowed creation to fall and that Jesus redeemed all of creation with His sacrifice. Therefore, it is logical to assume that when the New Heaven and the New Earth are created and we see the New Jerusalem of Revelation coming down from Heaven, there will be animals in them. So there we have it, brothers and sisters. God loves us and wants us to be happy with Him forever in heaven. He also gets joy from the holy and pure things that bring us joy, be they children, grandparents, parents or pets.

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Chapter 6 : Do Animals or Pets Go To Heaven? A Biblical Analysis

Bernard J. Coombs is the author of All Creatures Do Go To Heaven Especially Pets (avg rating, 2 ratings, 0 reviews).

And do animals have a soul? The Bible is very clear that there will be animals in heaven: They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD. NIV I have no doubt that our loving heavenly Father can resurrect our pets and make them part of our happiness in heaven. However, the Bible does not give any references to this, as the Bible was written for the salvation of mankind. Sin came on this earth through man, not through animals. The animals are but innocent by-standers. Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. NIV Salvation was brought through Jesus to mankind. He made it possible for men to be reconciled with God! What an awesome God we have! God cares for all His creation! For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. NIV He is coming back soon! Are you ready for Him? Have you accepted Him in your life? It is still not too late. One day it may be too late. You never know what tomorrow will bring. For a powerful illustration on this topic, click here. In Psalm Psalm For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now" Though animals do not have immortal souls, I do believe that the Lord will make a way for us to see animals in heaven. Too many Biblical scriptures point to it Do they have a soul? Isaiah 65 Vs 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock; and dust shall be the serpents meat. Isaiah 55 Vs 12 For ye shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Our God created all things in Heaven and Earth. He even clothes the lilies of the fields and cares when a sparrow falls. Yes all things have a soul even the trees of the field have a soul toward their Maker. God made all of the birds, the cats and the dogs and yes I believe they have a soul. Animals are able to understand commands and love. They often crave love. They would not understand love if they had no soul. I believe we shall have pets in Heaven including those we fear here. We shall have nothing to fear there. Not all animals are edible and therefore have another purpose. Before King David was a king he was a shepherd of sheep. The lowly shepherd became king. The king Jesus became a lowly shepherd, and He became a lamb. The whole world has the grace to be saved because the King became a Lamb. Who did the angel appear to to tell of the Blessed Birth? Lowly shepherds who were not even allowed in court and prostitutes were. The Bible is full of references about animals. God created them and God loves them. They will be there. Sheep are smelly, dirty , and basically stupid creatures but they were sacrificed ,before Jesus became the sacrificial Lamb for us all. Even smelly dirty sheep are loved by God their creator. We all like sheep have gone astray. I know in my sin before Christ I was smelly, dirty and down right stupid but Christ loves me. A Homeless man brought hope and salvation to this world, by becoming a lamb. All animals have a soul and are going to be with their maker. The way dogs are referred to is usually negative but the Creator loves them and they are mentioned in the good book. Look into your pets eyes and see their soul. They look guilty when they have disobeyed and they show contentment and delight and love. Another gift of God to be loved by a pet, we shall see in Heaven. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The passage from the Revelation shows that presently there are horses in heaven. The passages in Isaiah and Zechariah show that there will be animals in the millennium kingdom on earth. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time The words "let us make" uses the same Hebrew word for "make" found in Ex. This Spirit no longer resided inside of mankind after the fall in the garden of Eden. If

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it is the Spirit of God that makes us different, then those who have not accepted Jesus as Lord would be no different than animals, but this is not the case! We know it is not the case, because Gen. I do not pretend to understand what all "made in the image of God" means, but there are some things I know it does not mean: It does not mean that animals do not have souls, Genesis chapter 1 proves that. It does not mean animals cannot reason-- anyone who has ever raised pets of any kind know that animals do reason quite well. At times you can almost read their thoughts as they make decisions about which food to eat, which food not to eat, how to get out of a pen, how to sneak away from you when they know they are in trouble, etc.. As for the animals, however, we know that animals do have souls. We know that the soul lives on after the body has died. We know that there are presently animals in heaven. We know that there will be animals upon the earth in the millennium kingdom. Do Animals Have Souls? Most of us have heard all our life that animals do not have souls. Yet the first chapter of Genesis indisputably contradicts that position. The Hebrew word for soul is nephish and refers to the part of our being which lives on after physical death. The first chapter of Genesis not only proves that animals have a soul, but it also proves that plant life does not! Here are the verses: In all four of the above verses the Hebrew word nephish is used which is the exact same word used of man in Genesis 2: Most modern translations give no hint that this is in fact the case, but most older King James bibles do give a footnote: It is this same "soul" which David refers to in Ps. However, this does not necessarily mean that animals have no souls. What we know from this passage is that only human beings of a reasonable age have a choice to serve God or not. Ecclesiastes 3 21 "Who knows if the spirit of man rises upward and if the spirit of the animal goes down into the earth? Since 1 Corinthians 2: But my main point is, I would think that having your pet in heaven would be by request only. This is my reasoning. This daily newsletter is dedicated to encouraging everyone to look towards Jesus as the source of all the solutions to our problems. It contains a daily inspirational story, a Bible verse and encouraging messages. HTML and plain text versions available. Published three times a week, this newsletter features inspirational devotionals and mini-sermons dedicated to drawing mankind closer to each other and to Christ.

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Chapter 7 : Do animals go to heaven?

Before going on, it is most important to state that if pets do go to heaven, their owners will also have to go to heaven to see them. The Bible makes it clear that the majority of people will not go to heaven—see Matthew chapter 7, verses 13 and 14 (Mat , 14) for one example.

Magazine PDF version - 1. The Bible is clear: God Himself is likened in Scripture to a lion, a leopard, a bear Hosea God made a good and perfect earth, populated by many animals. God directed Adam to name the animals — indicating relationship. His Glory is above earth and heaven. Every Creature The last book of the Bible presents the final climax of the ages when all Creation faces the Creator. Finally the great scene is described when all living beings present their worship to Almighty God. All animals belong to God Psalm God cares for the animals. It is that Scripture which inspired the first act of the Union of South Africa, the minting of the half cent coin and later the one cent coin with two sparrows on it — reminding us that God cares for the very least. Animals Matter to God There are those who say that animals do not matter, but the Lord Jesus taught that His people are worth more than many sparrows Matthew 6: If a sparrow is worthless, then of what value are you? A hundred times zero equals zero. A million times zero still equals zero. For you to be of great value, the birds of the air must be of some value. God provided a way of salvation from the judgment of the Flood, for Noah, his family and for multitudes of animals. In his commentary on Genesis, John Calvin wrote: God took great care to save the animals from the Flood. The Redemption of mankind from the Judgment of the Flood is a picture of Salvation. Joy to the World: The blessings of the second Adam, Christ, are greater than the curse of the first Adam. The only part of creation that will be missing from Heaven, according to the Bible, are those sinful human beings who reject the great Salvation that God has revealed in the Bible and provided through Christ. It was like one of his own children 2 Samuel Indeed when King David heard that a man had taken this precious pet and had killed it, we read: As the Lord lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! A raven was assigned to bring food to Elijah 1 Kings The donkey through whom God spoke, Numbers The lion whom God sent to kill the prophet who disobeyed God 1 Kings The big fish that swallowed Jonah and transported him to the shore Jonah 1: The lions whom God commanded not to harm Daniel Daniel 6: All the animals that God commanded to present themselves to Adam to be named Genesis 2: Do Animals have Souls? The same Hebrew word nephesh, which is translated soul whenever it refers to man, is translated as beast, living creature or life when referring to animals. When God made a Covenant with Noah and every living creature, the word nephesh is used again to refer to the animals Genesis 9: On occasion the KJV translates nephesh as soul when referring to animals, including Psalm The Hebrew word nephesh is translated psyche in the Greek Septuagint. Throughout the history of the church, the classic understanding was that animals have souls. It was only from the time of the humanist enlightenment that the existence of animal souls was even questioned J. Do Animals Have Spirits? To worship God one must have a spirit. Yet the Psalms and Revelation repeatedly speak of animals worshipping God. Yes, animals are not created in the image of God — but neither are angels and they will be in Heaven. Character, Memory and Affection Anyone who has adopted pets, or seen a litter of kittens or puppies born and raised them is well aware that every puppy and kitten has its own individual character and personality. They plainly have memory, preferences and can express affection, sensitivity and compassion. All of that is what we normally mean by our soul. Those who have been privileged to have lions, leopards and cheetahs as friends also appreciate the depth of character and deep affection that they are capable of. Will our Pets be in Heaven? Throughout the years my family has rescued and adopted many cats and also some rabbits and ducks. When I was growing up, I had the joy of having a lioness, Vivian and a leopard, Malcolm, as my dearest friends. When any of our pets have died, we have grieved and wept and buried them with Scripture reading, Hymn singing and prayer, thanking God for all the happy memories and committing our beloved pet into the hands of our Creator. When my children have asked if we will see and recognize our pets in Heaven, I could answer with an emphatic,

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Yes! He has cast the lot for them and His hand has divided it among them with a measuring line. They shall possess it forever; from generation to generation they shall dwell in it. God is the giver of every good and perfect gift 1 John 4: It is impossible that we could love our pets more than God does. If God has put such deep love in our hearts for these beloved furry family members, then we may be sure that he loves them far more than we do James 1: As the animals in the Ark shared the salvation of Noah and his family, so we can have every confidence that our beloved pets who have been adopted into our families will also share in the blessings in Redemption. Our Lord Jesus Christ came to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found. In Christ the curse of the Fall is reversed. When speaking to Job, God pointed to the great land and sea creatures, including dinosaurs, who reflect something of the glory and greatness of our Creator Job We can expect to see extinct creatures, such as dinosaurs, in Heaven. In lions we see something of the power, the courage, the boldness and royalty of the Creator. In lambs we see gentleness and meekness. In horses we see some of the strength, stamina and perseverance of the Creator. Pets in Paradise Cambridge professor C. Lewis wrote that he believed that animals may enjoy immortality along with their masters. In Heaven she is surrounded by the very animals she cared for on earth. In her book on Heaven, Joni Eareckson wrote that she expected God to bring our pets back to life in eternity. Theologians John Piper and Dr. Sproul have also expressed their expectation of seeing beloved pets in Heaven. The state of paradise before the Fall is the clearest picture of what we can expect in Heaven. Whales and dolphins communicate in highly complex ways. In the Garden the serpent spoke to Eve. Clearly animals had greater capabilities before the Fall. When Noah was protected from the Flood and when God made a Covenant with him, he was surrounded by animals. When Abraham was led to the Promised Land, he was accompanied by many animals. When God led Moses and the Children of Israel through the Red Sea, provided for them in the wilderness and made a Covenant with them, they were accompanied by many animals. When our Lord Jesus was born, He was surrounded by animals in the stable. When our Lord returns to establish the new Heavens and the new earth, we can have every expectation that He will again be surrounded by the animals He has created.

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Chapter 8 : What does the bible say about animals/pets in Heaven? And do animals have a soul?

But as M. Jean Holmes, author of Do Dogs Go to Heaven?, writes, "The pieces have to be patiently gathered, carefully laid side-by-side, then prayerfully interpreted." The Bible does indeed have an answer about whether we will see our furry loved ones again.

This question probably enters the mind of every pet owner, especially when they lose a beloved pet companion. We have pets that have personalities and feelings, and can think and reason. It seems as though whatever it is that makes each pet unique a soul is like that which makes each human unique. Therefore, we wonder if pets or any other animals go to heaven. Before going on, it is most important to state that if pets do go to heaven, their owners will also have to go to heaven to see them. Therefore, it is critical that we remind everyone that they need to get right with God themselves or their chances of seeing a departed pet again are zero. There are numerous examples of animals associated with heaven including 2 Kings 2: Both mankind and animals are formed from the ground Genesis 2: This reveals that the physical bodies of both are similar, but it does not tell us about their immortality. However, that covenant was not one of eternal life, but that He would not again destroy the earth with a flood. The fourth commandment as recorded in Deuteronomy 5: Again, it reveals some equality between people and animals, but makes no statement regarding animals going to heaven. God takes care of both men and animals see Matthew 6: Although death is mentioned in Psalm At some future time, Christ a Rod from the stem of Jesse will bring about a time of peace where all animals and man will be in harmony Isaiah Still, the description is not necessarily of heaven, and these animals are not necessarily reborn animals. The passage in Romans 8: Redemption concerns setting someone or something free that belonged to another. Again, this does not directly comment on the eternal life of animals. Since it is so commonly cited, we will examine Ecclesiastes chapter 3 in some detail. First, King Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes. He was next to Christ the wisest man to walk the earth. He was also the wealthiest person in the world and could have anything he wanted. As a result, he experimented with everything that this world could offer him. It takes little reading in the book of Ecclesiastes to learn the conclusion: Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end. Here we learn that God put eternity into the hearts of people. Notice the contrast with the other Bible passages dealing with animals. They do not refer to eternity or immortality. Next, verses 15 to 17 reveal that judgment is coming for wicked people: In the place of judgment, Wickedness was there; And in the place of righteousness, Iniquity was there. Therefore, the text continues: Surely, they all have one breath; man has no advantage over animals, for all is vanity. In verses , the perspective is clearly that of a physical comparison of man to animals. Solomon already made the spiritual distinction of man in verses 10 and Now in verses , we see that both have breath, both die, and both go back to dust. These physical comparisons point towards a completely meaningless existence from a physical or worldly perspective. With the a spiritual distinction made in verses , and the physical comparison made in verses , we now come to verses 21 and They ask two questions that bring the reader to the point of the entire chapter and the entire book of Ecclesiastes, for that matter. That is the point of Ecclesiastes: As Ecclesiastes states in chapter 12, verse Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Anyone who gets right with God will have an eternal existence with Him forever in his kingdom. This is a heritage worth having. So, where does that leave us? However, we do have one hope. For them, the passage in 1 Corinthians chapter 2 applies: Therefore, love your pets as much as you can while they are here. Those of us who go to heaven will later understand that everything worked out perfectly regarding our pets. Printed copies of this article may be circulated if it is reproduced in its entirety, along with this copyright notice. You may not charge for, request a donation for, or seek reimbursement from anyone for such copies. All information contained in Clarifying Christianity is a resource for questions dealing with Christian issues. It is not to be taken as Christian counseling. Seek a qualified Christian counselor for help with all such issues. If you choose to work with a Christian counselor, it is your responsibility to ask pertinent questions before you

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Chapter 9 : Will Animals be in Heaven?

Except for the consecration of all firstborn animals in Exodus 13, we do not see the sacrifice of dogs, cats, horses, mules or donkeys in the Bible. Dogs are mentioned many times in Scripture, but cats are not.

Do Pets Go to Heaven? Sooner or later, any discussion of pet loss comes around to this question. You may have asked it yourself -- or, perhaps, you may have wondered how to answer when your child asks it of you. Lengthy articles have been written on both sides of the argument. Christians tend to find this question particularly difficult, because we prefer to base "answers" to any spiritual question on the authority of the Bible. I say "we" because, yes, I am a Christian, and yes, I have wrestled with this question. Consequently, most discussions of this question turn into scripture-slinging contests, addressing the issue of whether animals have "souls," can be "redeemed," etc. The problem is, scripture does not offer a definitive answer to this issue. Silence does not mean a negative answer, however. The Bible is silent on a great many things, leaving us with a number of questions that we must explore and resolve using the hearts and minds that God gave us -- seeking an answer that is rooted, not in theology and doctrine, but in logic and love. Can Animals Be Saved? The Christian concept of heaven is inextricably linked with the concepts of salvation, redemption, and resurrection. While the Bible is very specific about the requirements for human salvation, it says nothing about salvation for animals. This has led many to assume that, since animals cannot be "saved," they cannot possibly go to heaven. Another way to look at this question, however, is to recall why the Bible states that redemption is "necessary" for humans. It is because, in scriptural terms, humans are "fallen" beings. Humans have free will, and thus the ability to choose between good and evil. Humans can choose salvation and heaven, or choose to reject both. Animals, however, have never "fallen" -- and if one has not fallen, it is not at all clear that the intermediary step of "redemption" is necessary. Animals cannot "choose" between good and evil; when animals behave badly in our homes, it is generally because of a conflict between their God-given natures and our human requirements. Animals have no need to be saved because they are not considered "sinners." What it does mean is that the whole issue of "redemption" does not seem to apply. Whether animals go to heaven or not, the question of "redemption" does not appear to be the basis for letting them in -- or keeping them out. What Does Heaven Look Like? What do you believe heaven is like? Very few people imagine heaven as some sort of giant, sterile concrete parking lot, devoid of life. We base our image of heaven on the beauties of the creation that is Earth. Does your garden have birds singing in those heavenly trees? Do butterflies flit among the divine flowers? At this point, the "pro-heaven" folks will usually point out that we know, based on scripture, that there are, at the very least, several horses of various colors in heaven! Whether animals have souls, I am convinced that there are animals in heaven. Lessons in Love My own personal view on this question is that, just as humans are redeemed through the love of God, pets may possibly be "redeemed" through our love. More to the point, I believe that God uses pets to help humans learn about love. From pets, we learn mercy, compassion, patience, and understanding -- and we also learn what it means to receive unconditional love. If pets are a means by which we are taught about love, must we assume that once we have learned the lesson, we must then be forced to lose that love forever? Shall we assume that God, the author of love, has so little compassion for us that He first gives us pets to love, and then tells us, "Yes, well, I know that you really loved that little dog or precious cat I sent your way, but rules are rules"? If there is any sort of "selection process," I believe that process is based on love. My love sanctifies my household; your love sanctifies yours. This, of course, also raises the sticky counter-question: Does that mean that only those pets who have been fortunate enough to have been loved go to heaven? What about pets who suffered abuse and neglect during their lifetime? Are they "doomed" to some other, far less pleasant afterlife? There may be no good answer to this question either, except one certainty: Whether or not pets go to heaven, we can be quite certain that they do not go to Hell. Hell is reserved specifically for those who have made the wrong choice -- it is not a catch-all for those with no other destination. Theology is only of interest to those who wonder about

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choices. Animals live in the now, not in the next week; they deal with what is, not what might be or could be or should be. Pets do not ask "what comes next? I firmly believe that God takes care of all His creation. For many, the answer is "no" -- and obviously, God knows this! In the interim, we are free to imagine whatever we choose. However, there are many who feel that it is important to be "right" about everything, especially everything spiritual -- that there is no room for spiritual "error. And there are certainly many issues on which, for a Christian, there is no "wiggle room" for debate. Where the answer matters, the answer is given. Such a belief will not doom anyone to Hell. It is not a salvation issue. Nor are you at risk of leading someone else "astray" if you allow them to hold such a belief. As Paul writes in 1 Cor. And we will not be disappointed. The key is not to seek a "definitive answer," because there is none. The key is this: On this particular issue, where the Bible is silent, you have the right to choose the answer that feels true to you -- that comforts and consoles you. When God is silent about an issue, that issue is left to each of us to decide, in our own hearts and with our own minds. For a good theological discussion of this question and a review of some of the scriptures often used on both sides, see "Do Pets Go to Heaven? Pooper Go to Heaven? A book titled Do Animals Go to Heaven? Especially Pets, online in its entirety at <http://> The presentation on this site can be a bit off-putting -- lots of bold, different size fonts, etc. Please visit our Handouts and Reprints page for information on distributing this information as a brochure or text handout. Would you like to link to us? We cannot guarantee a reciprocal link, as we only link to sites that offer a significant amount of information or resources on the subject of pet loss. When a pet dies, you want help Improve your chances of recovering a lost or stolen pet Help a friend cope with loss Coping with Sorrow on the Loss of Your Pet celebrates nearly 30 years in print - our expanded Third Edition is available from Amazon. Quantity discounts are also available; please visit our Quantity Orders page for details. For information about our Pet Loss Handouts, or about reprinting material on this site, please visit our.