

Application Form

Please print or type and mail this completed form along with any photographs to Dr. Gay Balliet, 4506 Cherryville Rd., Northampton, PA 18067. If your material is selected for this project, the author will contact you. Please allow several months to hear back.

Name of pet owner:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Fax:

Signature: (your signature allows the author to use your materials without monetary compensation and denotes understanding that publication is never guaranteed).

Signature: _____

A. Name of deceased pet or pets:

B. Species of deceased animal or animals:

C. Please describe on a separately attached piece of paper or papers your pet's character. This does not have to be grammatically correct or written in paragraph form. Don't worry about writing style or accuracy of writing. You may simply list characteristics if you like. If your animal's shrine is chosen to be part of the book, the author will compose a one-page description of your pet that will truly reflect the character of your dear animal. Consider the following areas of description:

1. personality
2. details of physical characteristics that were endearing or special
3. how the animal interacted with owner and/or family members
4. special or unique qualities of the pet
5. what sets him or her apart from other animals of his kind.
6. What made him or her the special pet for you?
7. Specific example or examples of incidents demonstrating your pet's special character
8. Any trait, incident, or description of an event, a part of his or her personality that made this pet your special buddy.

D. Please attach to this form a copy of a photo of this pet as well as a few photos of the shrine you have built in memory of him or her.

E. Please write a paragraph or list how you decided to build or create the memorial for your pet. This doesn't have to be in great detail. The most important part is your motivation for building it and the kind of materials you decided to use to best reflect you and your animal's relationship to each other.

Tips:

1. On all photos—make copies. Do not send originals. Copies can be made at your local drugstore photo machines. Photos will not be returned. Photos may also be emailed to memorializepets@yahoo.com.
2. Please write your name and the name of your animal on the back of your photos, making sure to write with pencil or non-smearing ink. Separate photos with tissue paper, if necessary, and pack carefully.
3. The more information you provide the author, the better your chances of being included in the project and the better your tribute to your animal will be in the final book.
4. The author is looking for memorials of all kinds and types. Not all participants can or will be used, but the more information you provide, the better the quality of the photos, and the uniqueness of the shrine will all be considered when finally deciding which pets' shrines will be included in the book.

5. The author does not want information relating to the pet's death, illness, or any matter of the animal's departing. What matters is the quality of the pet's life with his or her owner, the uniqueness and special qualities of the animal or animals.

Questions:

Any questions can be directed to the author through her website at www.gayballiet.com or through her email at memorializepets@yahoo.com or through regular mail at 4506 Cherryville Rd., Northampton, PA 18067.

The author would like to thank all participants and hopes that she and an eventual publisher will be able to do justice to your pet's memory. She looks forward to working with those participants whose pets will eventually be included in the final manuscript and hopes that this special literary tribute will make their pet's passing less a sad moment and more a tribute that generations of book lovers will enjoy for a long time.