



## A Beloved Friend's Pet Crematory High Standards Guarantee That Your Farewell Isn't Followed By Disappointment

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**W**hen my first guide dog was euthanized, we planned to keep his ashes. We didn't know that David was stored in Sacramento until he was cremated with a number of other pets, with no guarantee that the ashes returned were his alone. A Beloved Friend's Pet Crematory in Reno provides dignified cremation services, ensuring that the grieving owner will get the ashes only of his departed friend.

Steve and Elaine Woods have operated their immaculate, formal crematory at 5325 Louie Lane #20 for more than two years. They are the only Nevada pet crematory staff certified by the International Association of Pet Cemeteries and Crematories (IAOPCC). Steve retired after 31 years as a county coroner. He recognized that families needed a way to memorialize and handle their pets' remains with dignity.

Steve said, "We love our own animals, so we provide full accountability in the cremation of a pet."

A Beloved Friend's receives pets at their location, and there is no charge for pickups at veterinary offices. The pet can be picked up at home for an additional charge. Often, the owners receive the urn with their loved one's ashes the same day.



Families feel immediately at home in the cozy lobby.

"We don't store a deceased pet here unless absolutely necessary," Steve added.

The crematory is also enrolled in the Pet Loss Professional

Alliance (PLPA) and the International Cemetery, Cremation, and Funeral Association (ICCFA.) Steve helped develop industry standards for IAOPCC to ensure that pets receive respectful funerary treatment. Owners can request a visitation room, where they can be present at their pet's cremation. "Private" cremations mean that only your pet is inside the crematory. "Individual" cremation processes your pet along with others, but with the ashes separated by steel or firebrick. A "communal" cremation may cremate a number of pets, but the owner does not receive the remains. They are respectfully dispersed in a forested area set aside for the purpose.

"Each pet enters the crematory with a metal ID tag that stays with them until the ashes are processed," Steve said.

Many styles of urns are available but all come with a certification of the pet's cremation and the annotation, "Until we meet again at Rainbow Bridge."

The facility has a 24-hour answering service at 775.825.9900. Their website is [abelovedfriendspetcrematory.com](http://abelovedfriendspetcrematory.com). Weekday hours are 9am to 6pm, and Saturdays are 10am to 2pm. 🐾

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