

Love Brings Grief, Grief Brings Love

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The value of the love shared between a dog and owner is difficult to describe and is unparalleled by any other family relationship. This kind of love is pure, unshielded and all-consuming.

Grief over death is the counterbalance to love in life. It is necessary, painful, and good.

The highest compliment for any owner is to grieve the loss of a pet they loved, shared life with, and nurtured.

Grieving is honoring the love, by washing the soul with tears of love, and in doing so, making room for more love to come.

Grief is **proof** that love is real and powerful and good. Grief is proof that the highest and most satisfying feeling achievable has been experienced – **true unconditional love**.

Allow grieving, and through the compassion of kind words and actions, the loss and the love experienced, is honored.

And, in time, new love will come, for grieving does pave the way.