

7 Items to place on your Pet Altar of Remembrance

Designate a place in your home where you can place an altar of remembrance for your pet. It could be a where your pet slept or played, a mantle, bookcase, dresser or counter. It can be inside or outside or both. One man decided to create an altar by building a built out wall from his the doggie door coming in from the outside. There he placed a picture and collar. Here is a picture of Oreo's outdoor altar and one for Mitzie. There is no right or wrong way to create an altar.

On the altar you could place:

- Altar cloth perhaps a scarf or a piece of your pet's bedding
- Photographs
- Pet possessions such as a collar, leash, toys, bowl and treats
- Favorite passages from sacred text or favorite quotes that bring you peace
- Favorite stories or lists of favorites (See Mitzie and Oreo lists)
- Feeling stones-pick different stones of shape or color which you decide can reflect different emotional states: sadness, angry, loss, relief, guilt, calm, peacefulness. You can pick up and hold a stone, feel it in your hand and meditate on the emotion. When you're done you can put it back or let them go and place them outside in a special place of remembrance.
- A picture of a guardian angel, Saint, Mary, or goddess Artemis-Hekate to watch over your pet. In Greece, the Gorgon as Artemis-Hekate is the mistress of the night road, of fate and the world of the dead.