**Encouraging Those in the Loss of a Pet**

* Acknowledge their loss even if you don’t understand
* Offer them a safe place to “feel the pain”
* Say “I’m Sorry” for the loss
* Be willing to listen to stories of their pet…over and over
* Let them know you care/send a card
* Help them plan a burial for their pet
* Make a donation to an animal shelter in honor of the pet
* After a period of time offer to help them locate another pet
* Refer them to whatsyourgrief.com