***An Aid to Burying a pet in***

***(enter State here)***

The (insert name of regulation(s)) establishes guidelines for the proper disposal of dead animals, to protect human, animal and environmental health.

Burial of animal bodies is permitted when following the below conditions:

1. When digging a hole, ensure that the top of the body is at least two feet beneath the natural surface of the ground, and in accordance with local ordinances.

If this depth is not attainable, it is important to cover the hole to prevent digging by wildlife. Note that:

* + Buried animals must not come in contact with any surface bodies of water (including inland lakes, streams, rivers, open drains), or groundwater.
	+ Animal graves must not be located within 200 feet of any existing groundwater well used to supply potable drinking water.
1. Place a layer of lime at the bottom of the hole and on the body.
2. Compress the earth a bit and level the floor.
3. Take a moment to yourself…
4. Finally, if you ever sell your property, it is important to notify the future buyers of the presence of any animals that may be buried on the land.

*Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss…*

*our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

