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**TWO HEARTS PET LOSS CENTER ANNOUNCES THE 2022 PET LOSS & GRIEF
CERTIFICATION COURSE**

SOUTHLAKE, TX (November 9, 2021) — Due to an increased demand for educational opportunities in pet end-of-life care, Two Hearts Pet Loss Center has announced the dates for the 2022 Pet Loss & Grief Companioning Certification courses. The three-day course is March 29 – 31, 2022, in the Dallas area.

“Due to the pandemic, the Pet Loss & Grief Companioning Certification courses were put into an on-line platform. However, the feedback from professionals in the pet end-of-life discipline is this type of learning is most powerful in a classroom, where the opportunity to share and network on this sensitive subject can fully be experienced,” course facilitator Coleen Ellis commented. “While the course is marketed as powerful content to help the attendees walk with a loving pet parent, ironically and perhaps the most powerful comments are from attendees who convey the healing they personally received in acknowledging their own losses,” the course facilitator Coleen Ellis notes.

“Life changing,” “I learned more about my own processing of grief,” and “I loved getting not only the grief education but also the business nuggets! This totally rounded out what I needed to know for my role as an end-of-life veterinarian” are just a few of the countless comments received from past attendees.

In particular, the course will cover the following topics:

- Understanding Pet Loss Companioning
- Understanding Anticipatory Grief
- The Six Central Needs of Mourning
- The Importance of Rituals
- The Benefits of a Pet Loss Support Group
- Children and Grief: Pets and Grief
- Care Fatigue & Self-Care: Living & Loving Your Why & Walking in Purpose
- Ending the session will be a moving tribute to honor the pets of the attendees

Coleen Ellis is president of Two Hearts Pet Loss Center, past co-chair of the PLPA, and current Executive Director for the International Association for Animal Hospice and Palliative Care. She is a frequent speaker on pet loss and has contributed articles and blogs for a variety of publications in the veterinary industry as well as the human death care profession. As a sought-after influencer, Ellis’ reach is broad throughout the world for all things encompassing pet end-of-life. She was awarded the first Death and Grief Studies Certification specializing in Pet Loss Companioning by the Center for Loss in Fort Collins, Colorado. Coleen authored the book *Pet Parents: A Journey Through Unconditional Love and Grief* released in 2011, as well as authoring a variety of pet loss resources.

The course meets the requirements for 15 hours of continuing education credit in jurisdictions which recognize AAVSB/RACE approval; however, participants should be aware that some boards have limitations on the number of hours accepted in certain categories and/or restrictions on certain methods of delivery of continuing education.

For more information and to register, visit TwoHeartsPetLossCenter.com or call 317.966.0096.

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