

# ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL

At Christian Veterinary Mission we value all of God's creation. We take seriously our responsibility to be good stewards of all created things, great and small. It is our hope that you see these values lived out through your interactions with your veterinary professional.

We all love our pets, and because you care about your pet in this life, you may have concern about where they might spend eternity. Pet lovers around the world want assurance that there will be a reunion in the next life with their pet. It is similar to the way people will cope with the loss of a friend or family member by believing they will meet again in heaven.

The Bible is largely silent on the subject of animal afterlife. Because there is no conclusive answer in scripture, theologians have long debated what the presence of animals in Heaven would look like. While we can't be certain about where our pets will spend eternity, we can be comforted to know that the One who created all things holds their future in His hands.

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*to challenge, empower, and facilitate veterinary professionals  
to serve others by living out their Christian faith.*

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TRANSFORMATION THROUGH **TRAINING**  
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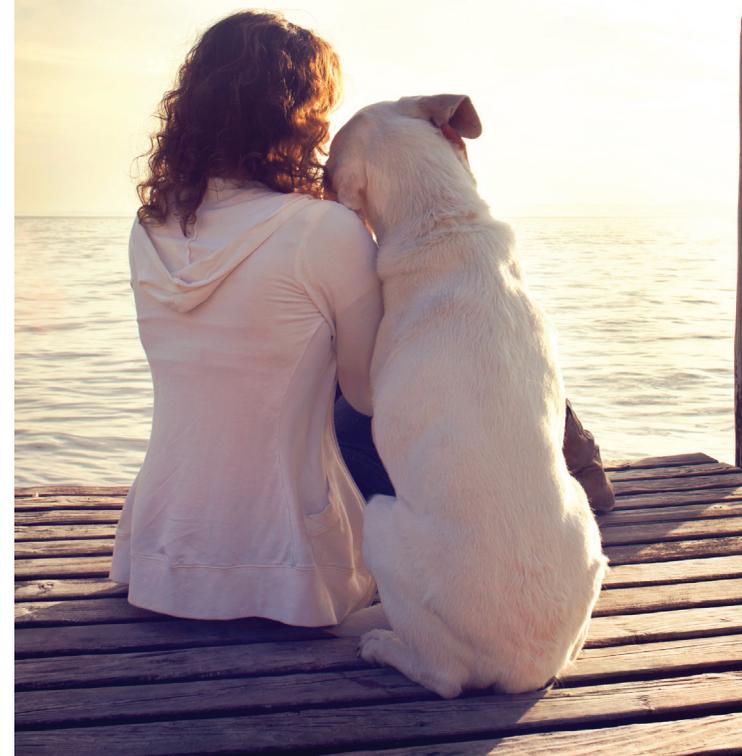
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# DO PETS GO TO HEAVEN?

# ANIMAL AFTERLIFE

Theologians have long pondered the question of whether there will be animals in Heaven, which presents three major questions:

- *Do animals have souls?*
- *Are they capable of moral consciousness?*
- *Are animals in need of salvation?*

Many theologians have used these questions to arrive at various answers. Some claim that animals cannot gain entrance to Heaven because they have no soul, moral consciousness, or need for salvation. Others have concluded that simply because God cares for them, they will be in Heaven. The truth is that Scripture doesn't give us clear answers for animals and their eternity, yet the Bible is full of animal imagery.



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**“PRAISE THE LORD FROM THE EARTH,  
YOU GREAT SEA CREATURES AND ALL  
OCEAN DEPTHS...WILD ANIMALS AND  
ALL CATTLE, SMALL CREATURES AND  
FLYING BIRDS.” - PSALM 148:7,10**

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## *God's Love for Us*

### **Created for Relationship**

We see God's desire for a loving relationship with us demonstrated throughout the Bible. Yet, sometimes when we think of God, we wrongly don't think of Him as loving or even kind. The truth is that God is love and His very character is perfectly relational.

### **The Broken Relationship**

Unfortunately, all around us we see the results of sin and our broken relationship with God – greed, poverty, injustice, war, estranged relationships – all of these things point to the fact that something is wrong. Sin separates us from a relationship with God but even in the midst of this God still desires a relationship with us.

### **Restored Through Christ**

God pursued us through Jesus, becoming human to restore our broken relationship with Him. We are now invited to experience this restored relationship through Jesus.

## ANIMALS IN THE BIBLE

Some images point to animals worshipping before their Creator God (Psalm 148) while others are mentioned in the context of Heaven and eternity (Isaiah 11:6, Isaiah 65:25; Revelation 21 & 22). What is very clear is that God cares for all of His creation and its wellbeing (Psalm 36:6, Psalm 84:3, Psalm 96 and Matthew 6:26).

It can be a comfort to know that the One who created all things holds their future in His hands even if we can't be certain of where our pets will spend eternity. Just as we care for our pets, it's important to realize that God cares for us even more – both our daily lives and where we will spend eternity.

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**- JOHN 3:16-17**

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