

MARYBETH HAINES

SPEAKER | AUTHOR | CONSULTANT | PET BEREAVEMENT SPECIALIST

Marybeth Haines empowers people to make choices that promote action, personal growth and healing. For over 25 years, Marybeth has gathered a wealth of knowledge and experience from her training in social services, crisis prevention intervention, and counseling. Her focus on enhancing the quality of service for her clients has always been at the forefront of her work as she teaches proven step by step strategies in reinforcing the bond and connection between pets and people.

As a grief consultant and educator, Marybeth's specialized focus is providing support in pet bereavement. She holds the strong belief that pets can teach people many things about life and so can the grief associated with their death.

When there is mourning, there can be healing and Marybeth's passion is helping people move beyond loss. Her work focuses on practical and supportive strategies for coping during this difficult time.

As a veterinarian and Faculty Advisor of the Ontario Veterinary College Pet Loss Support Hotline, I have researched and experienced first hand the power of the human - animal bond most specifically with grief and loss. After connecting with Marybeth, I have found her enthusiasm, genuine concern and desire in helping others through their grief inspirational."

—**Dr Michael Meehan BVSc, BSc(hons), PhD**
Faculty Advisor for OVC Pet Loss Support Hotline,
Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph

"Marybeth Haines shares on a subject that is universal worldwide. She provides insightful support with the grieving process along with effective steps towards healing and recovery."

—**Tamar Geller**
Founder; The Loved Dog™
Life Coach for Dogs and their People
NY Times Best Selling Author

Marybeth's book is a testimony to a woman who is passionate about highlighting the roles pets play in our lives and the benefits of the relationships we share with them. Her message is offered through inspiration and personal empowerment. She will inspire you to face the challenges, encourage and remind you that you are being guided and supported every step of the way.

—**Dr. Marty Becker**
"America's Veterinarian" Author of 24 books Featured correspondent on Vetstreet.com
Veterinary contributor for Good Morning America and The Dr. Oz show.

As a grief consultant, Marybeth shared compelling stories that beautifully illustrated the importance of viewing pets as gifts, in addition to providing strategies on how to deal with grief and loss. Marybeth provided both practical and supportive strategies that the audience was able to take away at the end of her session. She is a warm, dynamic and entertaining speaker who is extremely passionate. We were fortunate to have Marybeth participate in our agency's conference.

—**Mary Gordon**
Manger, Volunteer Services & Group Development
March of Dimes Canada

Marybeth speaks professionally, with a very gentle, yet confident tone, and she always captures her audience. Her unique ability to cater to the needs of different groups and understand the individual within enables her message to resonate well with attendees, no matter who they may be.

—**Dr. Suzi Peters**
Head Coordinator
—**Denis Dailaire**
Events Coordinator
—**St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program**
Niagara Region



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SPEAKING TOPICS

1. The Power of Pets – Enriching Our Lives One Day At A Time

Did you know that 68% of families have at least one pet in their household and 9 out of 10 consider their pet to be a member of the family? When you realize the many benefits animals bring to our lives, you become empowered in identifying their many gifts. Implementing these gifts into daily living, you are reminded just how powerful the bond and connection between pets and people are.

This presentation will give you a powerful message of how pets enhance our lives in health, well-being, service and more and how you can utilize these gifts in empowering yourself to a more positive, uplifting experience. You will leave this presentation having shared laughter, fun and inspiration and most of all how connecting to pets brings many gifts in which to celebrate.

2. Good Grief – Healing Through Empowerment

Experiencing the death of a pet is hard. Sometimes, it can be one of the most challenging experiences to overcome. The simple act of changing the way you think or say things can yield powerful results and receiving the right type of guidance, unique to your needs, can lead you in the best direction. By taking ownership of your emotions, you can begin to identify key strategies to support a safe and respected active mourning process.

In this presentation, you will be a part of something that is powerful; a safe space in which to assist in your own unique healing as an honour and tribute to your beloved furry friend.

3. Finding Balance – Honouring The Role Of Pet Professionals With Guidance and Support

The death of a pet is an emotional process. Professional teams working front line supporting animals and those who love them are continuously being asked for help from clients in making the best decision for their furry family member at the end of life. Often times, pet professionals working front line can experience overwhelm, burnout and exhaustion. Performing euthanasia, supporting clients with death and bereavement support every day can take its toll.

What about the repercussions that can occur when you are continuously giving to others but not yourself? How do you give your best when supporting a client with pet loss? Do you find yourself wondering how to keep your well of mental, emotional and physical health full and still give your heart to those you serve?

Veterinary clinics, rescue and animal related services will benefit from this empowering presentation leaving with practical tools to feel good, take action and inspire yourself as you remember your value and serve your clients with the best support. Become empowered on how you can continue to unite with your teams as you guide and serve in your professional role.

POST PRESENTATION TAKEAWAYS

1. Identify the many pearls of wisdom we receive from animals and how connecting to pets brings many gifts in which to celebrate.
2. Gain clarity on how animals can enhance your life personally, professionally, spiritually and emotionally.
3. Learn how to give L.O.V.E when providing support to your clients and friends in healing from the loss of a beloved pet.
4. Empower yourself with healing in doing the best that you can while identifying the challenges and obstacles that will happen. Learn how you can overcome these while utilizing the gifts we receive from our animal friends.

“Pets come into our lives to bring us many gifts. It is when we open our eyes fully, that we can then truly see the magic that each gift brings.”

—Marybeth Haines,
Author of The Power of Pets

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