

## What the Bible Says

At Christian Veterinary Mission we highly value all created things and take seriously our mandate to be good stewards of all His creation.

The gradual change from animals serving an agricultural society to the modern day pet culture, the growth of the human animal bond, and the growing animal rights movement have created serious interest in the spiritual life of animals. Pet lovers all over the world want assurance that there will be a reunion in the next life with their pet. It is similar to the way people of faith 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. Instead, there are several theories as to whether pets, which are not considered capable of making conscious moral choices, can make it into heaven. Let's take a look!



# Christ's love expressed through veterinary medicine

Christian Veterinary Mission (CVM) exists to challenge, empower and facilitate veterinary professionals to serve others by living out their Christian faith.

In 1976, CVM was founded by Dr. Leroy Dorminy who came to realize the impact that veterinarians could have by integrating their faith with their profession in communities worldwide.



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## Will I see My Pet in Heaven?



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## Where will You be Spending Eternity?

How can you know that you will go to heaven? Heaven isn't a default destination. Specific preparation must be made if we are to arrive in heaven. Jesus took upon Himself, on the cross, the hell we deserve so that we could experience for eternity the heaven we don't deserve!

**We are all Sinners |** To sin means to fall short of God's holy standards. We are all sinners, regardless of whether we were born in a Christian or non-Christian family, and sin separates us from God.

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*  
- Romans 3:23

*"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear."* - Isaiah 59:2

**Sin has Terrible Consequences, but God has Provided a Solution |** Jesus Christ, the Son of God loved us so much that He became a man to deliver us from our sin. He died on the cross as the only one worthy to pay the penalty for our sins demanded by the holiness of God.

*"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* - Romans 6:23

*"For our sake He (God) made Him (Jesus) to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."* - 2 Corinthians 5:21

**Christ Offers to Everyone the Gifts of Forgiveness, Salvation and Eternal life |** This gift cannot be

worked for, earned or achieved. It's dependent solely on Christ's generous sacrifice on our behalf, and this gift is for everyone.

*"When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."* - Romans 5:6-8

*"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."* - John 3:16

**Accept Christ Today |** Now is the time to make things right with God. Will you open your heart in a prayer of faith, confessing your sinfulness and accept the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on your behalf?

## Three Theories to Take a Look at

Some people believe cats and dogs are immune from both heaven and hell because they do not have mental capacity and cannot make choices affecting salvation.

Others say that, precisely because they are sinless, all animals will be restored in the new creation. They point to the presence of animals in the images of heaven and in the Revelation of John.

A third theological stream speculates that some animals will go to heaven and others will not. For example, animals that exhibited viciousness toward other animals or human life many not make it, while animals that were caring and gentle in this life could have a place in paradise.

You can certainly make a case for animals in heaven. As much as we care for His created beings, our ultimate purpose must be a relationship with our Heavenly Father that will last for eternity and opens the door for Heaven.

So the big question to be answered is not about your pet, but about YOU!

