

How sad if our pets are in Heaven and we're not. Don't take a chance with your soul—trust The Lamb!

For YOU to go to heaven—you must:

1) Recognize Your Need

Because of sin, you can't get to reach God on your own. *"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*¹⁵

2) Understand God's Plan

God knew our problem, so He sent Jesus Christ to earth. Jesus never sinned, so He was the perfect Sacrifice, the spotless LAMB. When He died, He paid the price (death) for your sins and mine.

*"He was delivered up [to die] because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification."*¹⁶

3) Accept God's Salvation

Jesus' death and resurrection means that you can live with God forever.

*"The wages of sin is [eternal] death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*¹⁷

To accept this gift, you can pray:

Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son, the Lamb of God, to earth to die in my place, and that He rose from the dead. I realize I'm a sinner, and I need Your

forgiveness. Please forgive my sins as I put my faith in Jesus. Amen.

For deeper insights about animals and God's love for you, read in its entirety, *Will My Pet Go to Heaven?* by Steve Wohlberg, now available from White Horse Media.

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1 Oprah Winfrey (b.1954); 2 Genesis 2:19, 20; 3 Gen. 3:21; 4 Genesis 6-8; 5 Numbers 22:32; 6 Exodus 20:10; 7 Proverbs 12:10; 8 Matthew 10:29 NLT; 9 Isaiah 65:17, 25; 10 Will My Pet Go to Heaven? by Steve Wohlberg; 11 see John 1:29; 12 Mark 14:12; 13 John 1:29; 14 The Peaceful Kingdom: Random Acts of Kindness By Animals, by Stephanie Laland. Conari Press, Berkeley, California (1997); 15 Romans 3:23; 16 Romans 4:25; 17 Romans 6:23.

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Most people believe in Heaven and hope to see their loved ones there, but what about our pets? Is there any hope for a reunion with them on "the other side"? *Will My Pet Go to Heaven?* contains an eye-opening story of love, tragedy, and hope, as one grief-stricken pet owner searched the Bible for an answer. You'll be amazed at what he found!

Dear Steve, you just cannot imagine what a gift of peace you have brought to my soul... May God bless you for the joy you are sharing with other pet lovers.

-Loretta R. Young

Steve, I just bought a fourth copy of your book. *Will My Pet Go to Heaven?* Everyone I Give it too loves it.

-Elain

Will My Pet Go to Heaven? is the best book on the subject I have ever read.

-Lori Whittenberger

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Will My Pet Go to
HEAVEN?



What dogs? These are my children, little people with fur who make my heart open a little wider.
—Oprah Winfrey¹

We all hope to see our loved ones in heaven, but what about our favorite pets? Is there any hope for a reunion with them on “the other side”? Countless animal-loving people wonder about this.

It’s easy to become attached to an animal. Our pets live, eat, sleep, cry and have their babies under our roofs. They become faithful companions who love us unconditionally, even when no one else does, and sometimes even perform heroic acts to save our lives.

Not surprisingly, the death of a favorite animal can cause the deepest kind of pain. Teary-eyed children often ask if their deceased furry friend will be in heaven. Years ago, I asked myself this very question after my own dog, Jax, tragically died.

My Dog, Jax

Jax was a toy rat terrier who, when fully grown, weighed a whopping 6 lbs. Though tiny, his little heart was filled with ever-constant love. That little furry ball was like our own child.

Then tragedy struck. On October 28, 2001, our

tiny friend was hit by a car in front of our eyes. Knocked unconscious, Jax drifted in and out of a coma-like state for three agonizing days. Then on Halloween night, shortly after my wife and I prayed for a miracle, Jax breathed his last breath.

The next day I emailed a few friends I knew had been praying for our dog. With great difficulty I typed, “JAX IS DEAD.” One by one, I clicked “send.”

I was surprised to receive two emails back from Christian friends who said they hoped I might see Jax again someday. *Could it be?* I wondered, staring silently at my computer monitor. Just then I felt a definite Presence draw near. Part of the pain was lifted. Picking up a Bible, I began to search its sacred pages.

Animals in the Bible

It is impossible here to share everything I found, but I was amazed at how often animals are mentioned in the Holy Book. In Eden, the closeness intended between humans and God’s creatures is evident when Adam named the animals while searching for “a suitable helper.”² After sin entered the picture,³ we still find God providing for all of His creatures through Noah and the ark.⁴ An angel once rebuked a man named Balaam for beating his donkey.⁵ In the

Ten Commandments, God tells us that even cows need rest on the Sabbath day.⁶

King Solomon wrote, “A righteous man regards the life of his animal,”⁷ and Jesus Himself said, “not even a sparrow, worth only half a penny, can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it.”⁸ Yes, our loving Creator cares for animals, too.

I also learned that animals will be in God’s coming kingdom. “Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth...The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox....”⁹

The Real Question

Will Jax be in Heaven? Although we don’t know with absolute certainty, my research revealed many Bible passages that give me hope of seeing Jax again.¹⁰ But the overriding thought that impressed me most was getting to heaven myself. How about you? Will you be there? The only way we will make it is through the death of Someone called the Lamb of God.¹¹

Another question is, if God loves animals, why did He tell Jews to slice the throats of little lambs?¹² The reason is He wanted to impress human beings with sin’s horror, and with the high cost of our salvation. Every bleeding lamb symbolized His precious Son, who would die for our sins on a cross outside

Jerusalem. Jesus is “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”¹³

Here’s a story that illustrates my point:

Malakoff was a large Newfoundland dog who guarded jewels in Paris. The jeweler had a greedy apprentice named Jacques. Resolving to kill Malakoff and steal the jewels, Jacques led the dog to the swift-flowing river, tied a bolder around his neck, and threw him in. Amazingly, the powerful Newfoundland kept his head above water as he desperately swam toward shore.

Then Malakoff looked back and saw that Jacques had also fallen into the river. Unable to swim, the man was drowning! With unexpected loyalty, Malakoff then paddled heroically upstream and finally reached his desperate, would-be murderer. After they both reached the shore, Jacques flung his arms around the dog and begged for forgiveness!¹⁴

Dear friend, that story reveals the message of Jesus Christ’s love for us. Even though our own sins put Him on that cross, He still longs to deliver us from raging waters of sin and death. He died for us, then rose from the dead. He lives today! If we repent of our sins, ask God for forgiveness, and trust His Sacrifice, His grace is strong enough to bring us to the heavenly shore.