



PAWS Programs: For More Information

About Avow

PAWS Pet Programs

Call (239) 261-4404 for information about Avow's pet loss support services, the PAWS volunteer program, or the programs and services provided by Avow. You may also visit our website at www.avowcares.org for meeting schedules and event updates.

Avow was founded in 1983 as Collier County's original, nonprofit hospice. Today, Avow's nonprofit companies provide palliative care consultations for people facing chronic or serious illness and hospice care and bereavement support services for children and adults.

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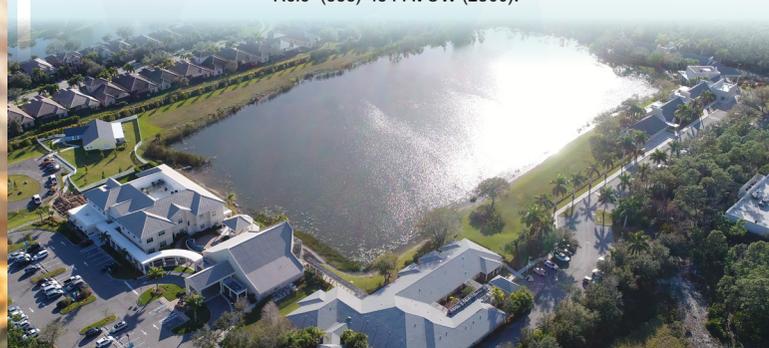
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Information in this brochure was current at press time. To verify the availability of specific services or to discuss any aspect of our care, call us at (239) 261-4404 or toll free (888) 484-AVOW (2869).

ATTENTION: Language assistance services are available free of charge.
Call (888) 484-AVOW (2869).

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Pets Are Wonderful Souls (PAWS)

Avow has incorporated animal-assisted activities in its patient programs since 1997. A dedicated group of our volunteers and their pets visit Avow patients living in nursing and assisted living facilities located in the community and at Avow's inpatient unit, the Frances Georgeson Hospice House.



Financial Support for PAWS Pet Certification

All cats and dogs must be certified by Pet Partners or PAWS Assistance Dogs, Inc. Certification must be current. Avow will reimburse owners for certification-related fees for pets pursuing certification following Avow general orientation. Pets certified prior to Avow general volunteer orientation will not be reimbursed by Avow for certification-related fees. (See Reimbursement Requirements for Pet Certification, below.)

Pet Loss Support

Avow recognizes that pet owners need to say goodbye to their pets with love, dignity, and peace of mind. We also realize that the loss of a pet that has been part of the family for years, providing loyal companionship, can be a tragic and emotional experience.

Avow understands those feelings; that's why we offer bereavement support to those who have experienced the loss of a pet. Avow grief support staff members are available weekdays from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM to provide information and support; there is also a monthly pet loss support group. See the calendar at avowcares.org for details on meeting time and location.

Pet Memorial Garden

The Avow campus features a pet memorial garden located outside the E. & L. Smith Administration Center. The garden is open to the community 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The garden features a fountain, benches, animal sculptures, a symbolic "Rainbow Bridge" and a brick courtyard that includes inscribed bricks and "Pet Love Letter" tribute wall tiles honoring and memorializing community pets.

Pet memorial tributes such as bricks, wall tiles, and other items are available for purchase. Tributes may be placed in the garden or kept as a keepsake.

Contact Avow Foundation at (239) 261 - 4404 for more information.



Reimbursement Requirements for Pet Certification

1. Pet owner must complete Avow volunteer general orientation.
2. Pet must complete approved certification program.
3. Avow will reimburse pet owner following successful certification and completion of 24 hours of service to Avow. Reimbursement is available to cover the cost of an online certification class, up to six (6) weeks of training sessions, test and certification fees, and will not exceed \$500.
4. Recertification will be reimbursed for all pet volunteers approved in advance.
5. Receipts should be submitted to a Volunteer Department team member for processing of a reimbursement check.
6. Reimbursements will be made within 30 days of submission.