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### Protecting Your Pet

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## Protecting Your Pet: Art From Ashes

*When a pet passes away many owners remember them by making a photo album or having a memorial...But now you can pay tribute to your animal by making their ashes into a piece of glass art. 7's Dylan Dreyer has more in this week's "Protecting your Pet."*

Hand-crafted glass - A unique keepsake Dona Nicholas knew would make the perfect birthday present for her best friend.

Dona Nicholas gave a beautiful Art from Ashes remembrance to her friend. "I thought, "Well, Christine's birthday is coming up and it's just a beautiful thing to have". It's a gift that goes beyond just beauty. Inside the glass paperweight are the ashes of Christine's cat, Musetta, who passed away 10 years ago.

Christine Ryan, received the exquisite Art from Ashes remembrance on her birthday. "Musetta was like a child to me, not a pet. It gives me a lot of pleasure and comfort to see something she's incorporated in. I love knowing that she is part of that piece of art."

Art From Ashes, an internet company based in Amherst, MA, integrates a teaspoon of pet or human remains into hand-blown glass objects, including sculptures, glass-topped walking sticks, and jewelry.

Deb Brown, Art From Ashes: "The artist takes a hot gather of the molten glass and he rolls it through the ash and it immediately adheres right to the glass. Then he rolls it through another layer of glass and adds the color and the design afterwards."

Jane Giat, Art From Ashes: "It's a visceral experience of comfort, knowing that their loved one is with them; people have been surprised and overwhelmed by how powerful that is for them."

For Christine it's a special tribute that helps to keep the memory of Musetta alive.

Christine Ryan, speaking of her Art From Ashes glass remembrance: "A lot of people would look at it and never know it's holding cremains, but I know, so it's really special and unique to me."

Art From Ashes pieces take about three to five weeks to be made and the cost ranges from \$115 to \$325.

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