

QUESTION: Will our dead pets be resurrected to be with us in heaven?

ANSWER: Animals do not have an eternal spirit or soul that lives on beyond death. Whether God will resurrect or RECREATE our special pets, **the Bible does not say**. He certainly COULD do so if He wanted to, and it may be that there will be animals in heaven, of which our pets may be a part of.

- **Ecclesiastes 3:18-21** "All go to one place: **all are from the dust**, and **all return to dust**. Who knows the spirit of the sons of men, which goes upward, and the SPIRIT of the BEAST, which goes DOWN to the EARTH?"
- **Ecclesiastes 12:5b-7** (Verse 5b) "...For man **goes to his eternal home**, and the mourners go about the streets." (Verse 7) "Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and **the spirit will return to God** who gave it."

Definition: "the SPIRIT of the BEAST, which goes DOWN to the EARTH" - The "spirit" of the beast in this verse means BREATH or LIFE FORCE. The BODIES of humans and animals BOTH RETURN to the EARTH. The Bible says that BOTH animals and humans were made from the earth, but God breathed **an ETERNAL SPIRIT into man only**, and **made him in His image** (Genesis 1:24, Gen. 2:7 & 19).