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ONE DOG A WEEK RUN OVER BY THEIR OWNER

A leading Gold Coast pet crematorium operator has revealed at least one dog a week is being accidentally run over by their owner and urges locals to be extra cautious when backing out or pulling into their driveways.

Founder of Pet Angel Funerals Tom Jorgensen said since the crematorium's opening in 2015 his team had seen hundreds of cases of distraught pet owners who had accidentally killed their furry friend.

"Every single week we get someone who's backed over their own dog in their driveway, or they've accidentally run over their dog when coming home from work," said Mr Jorgensen.

"Dogs get excited and run out to see their owner, and often, especially if it's a little dog, the owner can't see them and then the pet gets run over."

He said it was heartbreaking to witness devastated owners going through the same traumatic experience week after week.

"It's so distressing for all of us because these pet owners are not irresponsible. The issue is that dogs just love being around cars and their owners, and sometimes tragic accidents happen."

However, Mr Jorgensen said he was extremely pleased the Queensland State Government had introduced new legislation designed to prevent people leaving their animals locked inside hot vehicles.

"I hope that these amendments will encourage smart decisions by pet owners," he said.

"I don't want them to have to live with the severe consequences, regret and grief of losing their animal, all because of an ill-informed choice of leaving their pets in a hot car."

“Whether you’re heading to work, out running errands, or unloading groceries from your car it’s important to always make sure you know where your pet is and make sure they are safe in order to prevent unnecessary heartbreak.”

He said only two weeks ago, his team cremated a family dog after the female owner discovered the pet passed away on the floor of her vehicle.

“She had not realised her pup had jumped into the car, locked her car up out on the street for the day, and discovered the dead animal in the back seat footwell in the early evening.

“Truly devastating for the entire family.”

Pet Angel Funerals is one of the largest pet cremation services in Queensland after only five years of operation, currently cremating around 600 individual pets a month on the Gold Coast alone.

The Molendinar premises includes a specialist facility, a fleet of vehicles to deliver guaranteed pick-up and delivery of pets that have passed away, handmade caskets and urns, and a Remembrance Room for people to spend time with their pet before cremation occurs.

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Pet Angel Funerals is a family-owned business dedicated to helping pet owners say goodbye to their beloved animals with grace and dignity. Founded in 2015, it is one of the largest and most-trusted pet cremation services in south-east Queensland, guaranteeing all cremations are personalised and individual. State-of-the-art crematories and custom-built facilities allow Pet Angel Funerals to focus on offering affordable and compassionate pet cremation services that aim to make the difficult grieving process as painless as possible. To find more information on how Pet Angel Funerals can be of support, visit www.petangel.com.au.