

Dave Heaton

It is with extreme sadness that we acknowledge that Dave Heaton is no longer with us. We are just trying to deal with the gamut of emotions that this reality is creating. My three children and the rest of my family and everyone at the clinic and all of his friends are gutted and we are struggling to come to terms with this loss.

I just wanted to convey a couple of things. First please know that Dave was totally surrounded by love and support. He was actively seeking help for his depression and had options that he was pursuing and back up options on top of that. No one dismissed him and everyone took his need for help seriously. He had intense, honest open discussions with his family and friends. He made promises to people and future plans.

For him to make the decision that he made and leave his children without a father and leave all of us he was in a distorted world of pain. So, despite our own personal grief it gives us a small amount of comfort to hope that he is peaceful.

We appreciate the support and understand that this is tragic for everyone. Please reach out if this news is triggering to you.

We are having a very small intimate family celebration of life in about a week. It's all we can manage right now as we are all just so raw. We would like to do a community event but honestly we do not have the emotional ability to do that. My apologies.

There will be a memorial spot inside the front of the clinic with a memory book. Instead of condolences our wish is for people to share a memory of Dave with us. We hope that everyone can take comfort from this because he left us with so many beautiful, quirky, funny poignant memories.

If people wish to make a donation to a charity which provides subsidized vet care then we suggest the [FARLEY FOUNDATION](#). Alternately if you felt it appropriate there is a charity that supports vet clinics and vet staff called [Not One More Vet. \(NOMV\)](#).

Thank you for the overwhelming outpouring of love and support.
We hope you all stay well. Hug your loved ones.



Robbie.