pet owner who is deeply saddened by the loss of the pet animal. Thus, the existing containers are not suitable to be used as a final resting place of a much loved pet animal.

[0006] A need therefore exists to provide an article that seeks to address at least some of the problems above or to provide a useful alternative.

SUMMARY

[0007] According to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided an article for receiving a body of an animal, the article comprising:

an absorbent layer comprising an inner side and an outer side opposite the inner side, wherein the absorbent layer is configured to be placed proximate to the body to absorb fluid released from the body;

a liquid impermeable sheet attached to the outer side of the absorbent layer and configured to prevent the fluid released from the body from seeping through the liquid impermeable sheet; and

an outer layer attached to the liquid impermeable sheet, wherein at least the outer layer forms an outer pouch to contain the body, and wherein the outer layer comprises closure means configured to secure the body within the outer pouch.

[0008] The article may further comprise an inner layer attached to the inner side of the absorbent layer, wherein the inner layer forms an inner pouch to directly receive the body therein.

[0009] The absorbent layer, liquid impermeable sheet, and outer layer may be made of biodegradable materials.

[0010] The absorbent layer may comprise one or more towels made of natural fiber.

[0011] The liquid impermeable sheet may comprise one or more bioplastic sheets.

[0012] The outer layer may be made of a fluid-repellent material.

[0013] The outer layer may be made of wool felt.

[0014] The closure means may provide the outer pouch that is adjustable in size.

[0015] The closure means may comprise overlapping flaps such that the size of the outer pouch is adjusted based on the extent of the overlap.

[0016] The closure means may comprise a plurality of buttons and a plurality of buttonholes, wherein the size of the outer pouch is adjusted based on the extent the plurality of buttons and buttonholes being fastened together.

[0017] The article may further comprise a cradle attached to the outer layer, wherein the cradle is configured to allow the outer pouch to be lifted and carried.

[0018] There is provided a method for containing fluid released from a body of an animal, the method comprising:

wrapping the body with an article, the article comprising an absorbent layer comprising an inner side and an outer side opposite the inner side, a liquid impermeable sheet attached to the outer side of the absorbent layer, and an outer layer attached to the liquid impermeable sheet, such that the absorbent layer is proximate to the body to absorb fluid released from the body; and

securing the outer layer, such that at least the outer layer forms an enclosed outer pouch to contain the fluid.

[0019] The method may further comprise the steps of:

securing an inner layer, such that the inner layer forms an inner pouch; and

disposing the inner pouch onto the inner side of the absorbent layer.

[0020] The absorbent layer, liquid impermeable sheet, and outer layer may be made of biodegradable materials.

[0021] The absorbent layer may comprise one or more towels made of natural fibre.

[0022] The liquid impermeable sheet may comprise one or more bioplastic sheet.

[0023] The outer layer may be made of a fluid-repellent material.

[0024] The outer layer may be made of wool felt.

CLAIMS

1. An article for receiving a body of an animal, the article comprising:

an absorbent layer comprising an inner side and an outer side opposite the inner side, wherein the absorbent layer is configured to be placed proximate to the body to absorb fluid released from the body;

a liquid impermeable sheet attached to the outer side of the absorbent layer and configured to prevent the fluid released from the body from seeping through the liquid impermeable sheet; and

an outer layer attached to the liquid impermeable sheet, wherein at least the outer layer forms an outer pouch to contain the body, and wherein the outer layer comprises closure means configured to secure the body within the outer pouch.

2. The article as claimed in claim 1, further comprising an inner layer attached to the inner side of the absorbent layer, wherein the inner layer forms an inner pouch to directly receive the body therein.

3. The article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the absorbent layer, liquid impermeable sheet, and outer layer are made of biodegradable materials.

4. The article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the absorbent layer comprises one or more towels made of natural fiber.

5. The article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the liquid impermeable sheet comprises one or more bioplastic sheets.

6. The article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outer layer is made of a fluid-repellent material.

7. The article as claimed in claim 6, wherein the outer layer is made of wool felt.

8. The article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the closure means provides the outer pouch is adjustable in size.

9. The article as claimed in claim 8, wherein the closure means comprise overlapping flaps such that the size of the outer pouch is adjusted based on the extent of the overlap.

10. The article as claimed in claim 8, wherein the closure means comprises a plurality of buttons and a plurality of buttonholes, wherein the size of the outer pouch is adjusted based on the extent the plurality of buttons and buttonholes being fastened together.

11. The article as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a cradle attached to the outer layer, wherein the cradle is configured to allow the outer pouch to be lifted and carried.