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Animal Communication: The Missing Link

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My first experience with interspecies communication was when I was sixteen years old. After jumping on the bandwagon, led by fellow equestrians who also boarded their horse at the same farm as me, I swallowed my doubt and skepticism and made the call.

I called a woman who lived on the other side of the country that I was told could “talk” to my horse and assist my veterinarian in diagnosing the cause of his lameness. When I made the call I found it challenging to shake the pressing doubts. Thoughts like “This can’t be for real” and “I must be certifiable to believe in this” were still dancing through my mind. And yet on that rainy September day I contacted an animal communicator. What transpired from that one phone call would introduce me to a whole new realm and change my life forever.

Indeed the animal communicator was able to pinpoint the exact cause of Silver’s lameness as well as share with me other intimate details that only my grey steed and I were privy to. With each memory of our four years together unfolding as a story told through his thoughts—each one exposing more evidence that this was not a farce or joke—

it became evident that this would impact me in an undeniable way.

I continued to call upon her services over the coming year and, with each session, I became aware that I was beginning to “read” Silver—knowing the answers I was seeking before she even had the chance to reply to me. Then the next horse entered my life, a stunning thoroughbred gelding that is still the most amazing creature I have ever had the privilege of knowing. During Que’s first session with the communicator he shared with her that he had come into my life to be my teacher and that my calling was to help animals and their guardians through interspecies communication. This is when I began to trust my own intuition and “listen” to all of the animals I interacted with, including horses, dogs, cats, birds and rodents, to name a few.

Every animal communicator’s journey is different and the path they follow from when they first become aware of their keen ability to establishing themselves as a professional will vary greatly from person to person. For me it began with a horse proclaiming my calling and progressed into several years of assisting local veterinarians in those perplexing cases that required a different point of view in order to be solved. There were various workshops, seminars and retreats tossed in, and the final piece to the puzzle

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“Guinness” is an 11-year-old Agility veteran. His owner has used animal communication to help bring out the most in Guinness in the trial arena and as a preventative measure to ensure his health and happiness as he reaches his golden years.

was relocating to a tropical island where I could live within the rainforest and truly connect with the universe and the language of the animals. While each step brought me to another level in my work, it was the animals themselves that proved to be the most essential teachers of all.

The skill to communicate with animals—or others that do not speak through verbal communication—is an innate ability that we all enter this world having intact. If you ever sit back and just observe a young child you will notice how they connect with adults, other children and even animals. It is as though they have their own special language and level of understanding that can be naturally transmitted between two beings. You can also draw yourself deep into your own memories and reflect upon the time when you were able to communicate with others—without words. The way you were able to do this was through your thoughts, images within your mind, emotions, energy and body language. From the moment you were born you were paradoxically loud in how you “talked”—even though you never spoke a word.

Intuition is the Key to Communication

We are all intuitive by nature, some of us more than others. Honing in on that intuition is how we hear animals. At some time in your life you have probably thought to yourself “My gut feeling is _____” or “I don’t know why I feel this way, but I just do.” This is a reaction to your intuition speaking to you. You are channeling a thought, impression or emotion that your intuitive center has translated for you, therefore you form an opinion or come to a conclusion based on this intelligence that your intuition collected. This is the primary reasoning behind animal communication—how and why it works.

The art of animal communication is based on the principle that one can fine-tune their intuitive skills to connect with an animal on a spiritual level where information can be sent and received. This information can come across in thoughts, images, emotions and words. The animal communicator then translates that information so it is digestible for the guardian’s mind.

The majority of animal communicators work from a

distance and have never been in the physical presence of the animal. For most people this can be difficult to comprehend and raises the same doubt and skepticism that I was faced with when I contacted an animal communicator for the first time so many years ago. Connecting with an animal over distance is often described as tuning into a radio station. The information gathered from the guardian—including a current photo, name, date of birth and whether or not an animal is altered—functions as do the call letters of a radio station and, therefore, we can tune into individual animals and reach them on their frequency. We are all energy, and energy is not contained by time or space.

What It Is and What It Is Not

Animal communication can be an invaluable tool when classical diagnostics fail to provide answers, for feral and wild animals, and to simply communicate thoughts between guardian and animal. What animal communication is not is a game, a trick to pull out at parties, or something to take lightly. Animal communicators abide by an Interspecies Communication Code of Ethics and, above all else, integrity must be upheld and the animals must be honored.

There are times when this can be challenging for an animal communicator. When you work with an animal you must always disclose all that they share and never edit or alter their message. There are times when animal communicators are faced with explaining to a guardian that their animal is not happy, is in pain or, even more complicated, is choosing to leave their vessel rather than stay and fight, which is the typical hope of people when their animals are passing. Translating to a guardian that their animal has accepted their imminent passing before the guardian has, can often be the most difficult message to convey.



Multiple Best In Show Winner “Keegan,” a 4-year-old Irish Water Spaniel, is currently ranked the #1 Irish Water Spaniel & #3 Sporting Dog in AKC. Keegan has been a client of the author since he was a puppy. Prior to working with Keegan she worked with his sire, “Woody”. Keegan’s regimen includes communication, healing & homeopathy provided by The Holistic Being.

How Animal Communication Helps

Animal communication can also bring much joy to a relationship and strengthen the bond between guardian and animal. When a guardian receives confirmation of the health, happiness and needs of their animal it can be very rewarding and bring to the bond a new sense of understanding and connectedness. Some of my personal favorites include working with young puppies and asking them “What do you want out of this lifetime?” and then translating their thoughts to the breeder. As time passes and I receive updates that these puppies were placed in their personally selected situation and I hear that they are thriving, it does my heart good, and my respect for the intelligence of animals continues to grow.

In the same way that⁹ animal communication can help breeders in placing their puppies, it can also help solve reproduction problems. There have been times when a bitch has informed her guardian via communication that she has no desire to have puppies and be a mother. Other times frustrated stud dog owners have asked me to educate their young males only to find out that although it was his first time breeding a bitch, he knew exactly what he was doing and the bitch was simply not ready and, sure enough, when the time was right a breeding occurred.

Animal communication can also prepare an animal for a major event in its life. Imagine that you didn't know what a plane was or didn't know where you were going. Suddenly, you are put in a tight space, placed in a dark hole and were flying through the air. When you arrive at your destination you do not recognize your surroundings, and everything feels strange and unfamiliar. Now imagine that before you took this trip you were informed of exactly what would happen, why you were taking this trip and who would greet you on the other side. We owe our animals this same courtesy. This is also helpful prior to surgery, breeding, whelping or being re-homed.

Locating missing animals is a specialty of many animal communicators. Being able to help reunite a family with their lost or stolen pet is one of the most rewarding things I have ever experienced. By translating what an animal is seeing, hearing, feeling and what they have endured can often lead us directly to the animal or help the animal find its way home.

Helping Competitors

For this article I want to specifically speak about dogs and how animal communication can help both the pet owner and serious competitor. Having worked with a wide variety of breeds, I can assure you that all breeds and dogs are capable of communicating their needs. Some of my most successful cases have been with dogs that have been re-homed when knowing of their past can help the new owners put together the pieces to help them adjust and thrive in their new settings. Getting to the core of separation anxiety, phobias and any other behavioral issue can be very enlightening for a guardian and can assist in all aspects of the fledgling stage of a new human and canine partnership.

The serious competitor finds animal communication to be a great tool in their arsenal. Whether it's explaining to



“Nixi”, a 5 year-old Shar-Pei went missing during the winter of 2009. Animal Communication helped keep Nixi's spirits up and direct her to safety while she was missing. After nearly a week of surviving the harsh Maine winter Nixi was able to lead her family to her and she was rescued.

their agility partner why they need to wrap tighter weave poles or helping an insecure dog shine in the show ring, animal communication can serve as a training tool in a way that the dog understands and can bring success on many levels, both in the competition arena and at home.

Animal communication absolutely has a place in many aspects of the dog world. Whether for brain-scratching medical issues, behavioral problem solving, locating missing animals or helping to get the most out of your competitive friend, animal communication can play an instrumental part in the success of that journey.

Animal communicators recognize the scrutiny that can take place when people first hear of this alternative modality. However, had I not shelved my now remedied reservation, I would have never contacted an animal communicator and would have never “heard” the wisdom of two very special equines. Their words will forever be engraved in my mind, and because of them and the guidance they provided, I am able to follow my heart and embrace the world of animal communication.



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