

# ANIMAL COMMUNICATION NEWSLETTER

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## A Note of Thanks

As Thanksgiving approaches, I like to reflect on all that I'm grateful for. I feel incredibly fortunate to do the work I do



Sweet Pea  
Katrina Rescue

Sweet Pea met Dotty in South Georgia as Dotty volunteered to walk dogs at a shelter. Later, Dotty drove back down from New York to adopt Sweet Pea. On her first day in her new home, Sweet Pea escaped. During the next 5 years, Sweet Pea stayed around the same town, supported by many and has finally come home to live with Dotty.

and be associated with people like you. Every day I hear wonderful, heartwarming stories about people and the animals they love. I feel honored to participate in the conversations between you and your animals. I am continually impressed by your devotion and generosity. I feel especially privileged to be able to assist in conversations with people and their animals as they approach the end of life. The degree of consideration and care that you devote to your sweet animal friends is very touching.

I also hear many heroic stories about people helping animals in need. I will resist listing names but you know who you are! Those who are willing to stop their car on the side of the road and coax a lost, frightened or injured dog into their car. Many of you have spent weeks on the project of saving a frightened, stray dog on the side of the road. Some of you have spent frigid nights in a snow-covered forest trying to convince a dog in danger to come to you. Others have spent the night sitting in lawn chairs in the middle of the field trying to convince a cat to come out of hiding. Some of you are involved in transporting animals from kill shelters to safety. Others build fences for dogs on chains to release the dogs from that miserable life. Many of you are involved in trap, neuter, and release projects with feral cat colonies. Several of my clients and their organizations go to horse sales and buy the horses marked for slaughter, take them home and rehabilitate them, and find them a happy home. Some of you drive to sites of natural disaster to help with the animals impacted there. Many of you foster animals and often end up

adopting them. It touches my heart to hear all these wonderful stories and I want each of

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### Milo: rescue



Milo went from roaming the streets in Mexico to dividing his time between city life in New York City and visits to the country with his friend, Buddy.

### Don Camillo



Don Camillo lived as a feral cat in NYC until he found a loving home with several other kitties. They moved to their country home, with a screened porch remodeled just for

you to know that you are not alone in offering our animal friends places in your heart. It is my privilege to be associated with you and to consider many of you my friends. Thanks for all that you do!

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### Meet Little Nikki



Nikki is a nursemare foal that was rescued in a joint effort with the Last Chance Corral in Athens, OH. CJ and volunteer Vickie drove through 6 states, 5 mountain ranges, 9 interstates, 1100 miles, & no sleep in 24hrs to pick her up. She is just one of thousands of these "discarded" babies known as nursemare foals. Because she was weaned at just a few days old, she developed a deep rooted internal septic infection and nearly died. Recovery took months; she lost most of the skin on her legs and had to be treated like a burn victim. "Thanks to your help cindy, we were able to talk to her and decide that she wanted to fight and wanted the chance to live - so we gave her that chance. now nearly a year later, she is happy and healthy and strong, and our poster child for ever after horse rescue which was named after her!" CJ Millar

<http://www.everafterhorserescue.org>

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### The Story of Bak-gu

Meet the beautiful Bak-gu. He was rescued in a forest in S. Korea after Jina spent many nights trying to encourage him into her car. She even scheduled an appointment with me at 4 AM her time while sitting in the forest. As fate would have it, she and her friend went by one evening when he had been caught in a hunter's trap. She freed him and took him to the vet for treatment and his story continues to unfold.

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Are your dogs aggressive to other dogs when they are on leash? As cats, we don't have to deal with being marched down the street on leashes, but dogs often find themselves in these awkward situations. In nature, off leash dogs have a natural flight distance. Similar to a human's personal space, if you step inside that space you make a person uncomfortable. For dogs, that personal distance is typically around 7 feet. When dogs off leash meet each other,

they naturally circle while maintaining a distance of 7 feet. When people take their dogs for a walk, they tend to approach directly and force the dogs to pass each other within a much smaller range. Two dogs approaching each other, both on leashes, do not get the opportunity to read natural dog language. It can be helpful to move your dog to your side away from the approaching dog. This can allow both dogs to pass each other calmly without forcing them to have face-to-face contact, which can often lead to leash aggression.

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### Schedule an Appointment Online!

Just go to my site - [www.animalsmith.com](http://www.animalsmith.com), and click on the "Schedule Your Appointment" link, and make your selection of a time that works for you.

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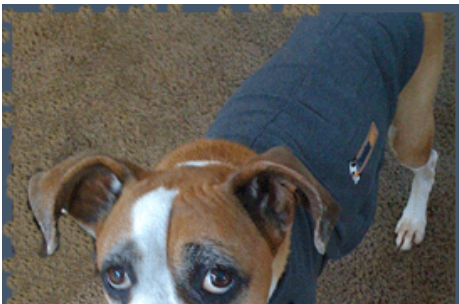
### Holiday Reminders

If you are having a party, take into consideration your animal's temperament. Do they want to join the party, even for a short time? If so, set them up for success by directing them in the behavior you want and not the behavior you don't want. For instance, tell your dogs, "We are having company for dinner tonight. When they arrive, run get a toy to greet them with?" (That would be instead of telling them, "No barking!") Or you might suggest to your shy kitty that once everyone is settled, she could come and watch the party from an out-of-the-way spot. Another animal might prefer a quiet corner of the house to ride out the noise of the party. Be especially cautious if you have "inside only" cats. There's nothing worse than a guest inadvertently letting one of these kitties out.

Are you having company come to visit? Be aware of displacing your animals by putting someone in the "Guest room" that might ordinarily serve as a quiet room for a shy cat. Give that kitty another option while the people are there. Basically, it's all about treating your animals like valued members of the family and not letting them get lost in the shuffle when the holidays are upon us.

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**Do-It-Yourself Animal Communication** My new CD is now available. It's called "Talk to Your Animals in a Language They Understand". This is the most basic and simple part of animal communication, and if practiced, can resolve lots of problems before they even occur. The cost is \$12 (price includes shipping and handling) and you can pay by paypal - use the button below and don't forget to include your address.



Laura Pierce is my technical support and she asked that I include this in the newsletter:

When my dog, Souki, passed about a month and a half ago, needless to say it was very hard. She had been sick almost constantly her last year here and her last day was tough. But we dealt with it the best we both knew how and it was very obvious she

was ready to go that last day. I worked with Cindy throughout Souki's life. And during Souki's last day here, Cindy guided me and confirmed what I was feeling from Souki – that she was ready to go. When Souki was not able to make the transition herself after several hours in the back yard nestled on the pine needles behind a tree – I decided to help her with her exit. I confirmed that this was ok with Souki by asking Cindy to check in with her. As I thought, she was fine with it. She seemed more concerned about me than herself.

Her passing was quick and drama-free, though I mourned her heavily. One day a couple weeks after, I remembered that Cindy had mentioned to me that she has had conversations with animals who have passed over. So I set up an appointment with Cindy.

When Cindy 'got on the line' with my pup, Souki said immediately that she wanted to tell me a few things. It felt like she was trying to get some things said before any questions were asked – to be very clear with things she knew that I needed to hear. She then proceeded to answer all the questions I had in my mind about her passing.

Souki's reassurance was a huge relief to me. It was a conversation that enabled me to really make peace with Souki's life and her passing. I am able to accept her death as a natural part of life and let that settle in me. She also continues to teach me even after she has gone. She is teaching me how to feel her presence. In my conversation with Cindy, Souki told me to just look at a picture of her and simply ALLOW the connection. She said don't try and make it happen. Simply soften around it. I can now do this and I didn't realize I had already been doing it for years with my old cat (that Souki is now with).

Beyond that, Souki also had been connecting with Louie, my other dog. She had been telling him to get on with life and of course Louie is doing just this – a fine teacher himself. He seems to have accepted all of this gracefully and is helping me to do the same.

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*\*Notice: The next time you log into the [appointment scheduler](#) on the web site, you may be prompted to change your password. These are new rules put in place by the Appointments Plus folks. If you need help with this, please let me know. And if you would like me to store a copy of your password for you in case you forget it, I'm happy to do that.*

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