



ANIMAL COMMUNICATION INTERMEDIATE COURSE

Part 2.2

Wild animals

When it comes to animal communication with wild animals, we need to be just as realistic with our expectations as we are with domesticated animals. Just because wild animals can potentially hear and feel you communicate with them does not mean that they will respond, react, or even want to connect with you. In fact, in most cases, wild animals have much less reason to listen to a human than a domesticated animal does. There are a few reasons for that: They might strongly distrust or fear you as a human, or they might view you as truly insignificant to them, or even view you as prey. They typically have no emotional bond with you or any other human you might speak for (as opposed to animal communication with pets). A wild animal is unlikely to have much incentive to connect with or listen to you.

There are a few cases in which a wild animal might have more reason to connect: When they have to deal with humans more, and when it would benefit them to be part of a conversation. With wild animals, it does seem to be hugely helpful to make sure we are being clear about our intentions with our communication, so they can see the benefit of it to themselves.

Communication with wild animals can be very useful when working with a wild animal rescue organization or wildlife rehabilitators, to help the animal understand their circumstances and help the animal understand what the humans are trying to do, and encouraging the animal to help out for the smoothest possible situation. I've worked with animals that wildlife rehabbers were trying to trap in order to help them in some way, for example when the animal was hurt and needed medical attention. So my communication was focused on explaining to the animal what the humans were trying to do and why, and encouraging the animal to the humane traps, and encouraging them to stay relaxed and calm while the humans helped them, so they could be returned to the wild as soon as possible. Of course animal communication can be used to get a sense of the animal's wishes and needs, so the rehabber can better help the animal out.



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You can also work with animals that are wrecking havoc for humans, or animals who pose a danger to others, such as squirrels burrowing under people's houses causing damage; or animals in danger of being killed by pest-removal services. We might explain the situation to those animals, and encourage them towards safer behaviors and safer spots where they won't be in danger anymore.

We can also reach out to wild animals that we are sharing space with in their natural habitats, and open channels of communication, to work towards the most peaceful mutually beneficial cohabitation possible.

Some wild animals will naturally be more curious and want to connect for fun, and some might have messages to share. It's not only domesticated animals who live with humans who carry deep wisdom. Wild animals accumulate wisdom throughout their lives, from their own experiences, just as other animals do. I do think there's a tendency for animals in general to be much more spiritually attuned and aware. So, if you approach a wild animal in the right way, they might be open to sharing their wisdom with you.

Connecting with wild animals is similar to connecting with domesticated animals, in that the process is the same. The difference is in our intentions and how we approach the wild animals. I think it's important to view our connection with wild animals with humility, even more so than we do with our animal companions. We are encroaching on their energy, their time, and often their territory. We want to be respectful and honor their needs, just as we do with other animals.



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If you would like to work more closely with wildlife, I recommend spending more time in nature, just being and breathing there. Practice reaching out to the wild animals you notice around you. Practice the steps of connecting, asking for permission to communicate, sending lots of love, awe, and humility, and introducing yourself. Let them know what your intentions are for connecting. Are you hoping to help them in some way? Do you want to ask them a favor? Do you simply wish to be in communion with them, and perhaps ask them for what wisdom they have to share? And when you're done communicating, make sure you give your heartfelt thanks.

Release your expectations of a certain response from them, and also release your need for proof of your communication. See this as an exercise in respect, loving presence, and open listening to what they are willing to share.