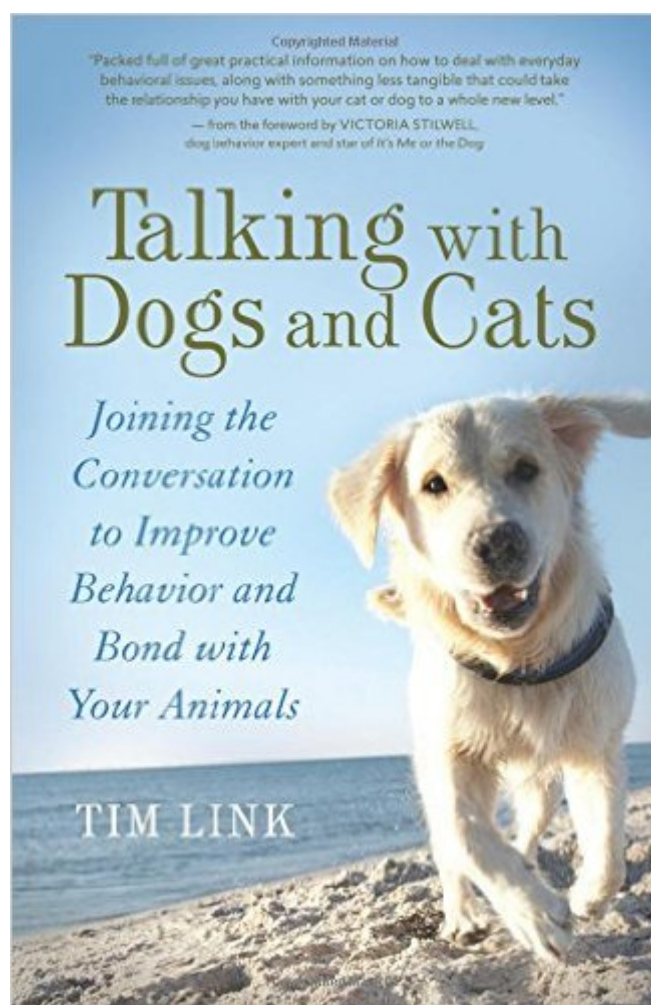


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# Talking With Dogs And Cats: Joining The Conversation To Improve Behavior And Bond With Your Animals



## Synopsis

Talking with Dogs and Cats is a how-to book on how anyone can communicate more effectively with their animals, how to solve common problems yourself, and how to build the best relationship possible with your pets. Every person living with an animal, no matter how beloved, has asked questions such as: "Why has my cat suddenly stopped using the litter box?" "Why is my dog barking incessantly?" "Why doesn't my dog or cat listen to me when I ask him to do something?" Animal lovers want to know how to communicate effectively with their pets and understand each animal's individual wants and needs, and what's required to keep them healthy and happy. They also want to share their wants and needs with their pets. If only we could talk to animals like we talk to each other. If only they could understand exactly what we are trying to convey to them by the visualizations that we are using when we speak. The good news is that we can, and it's not as hard as you think.

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## Customer Reviews

If I had read this book before I bought it, I never would've bought it. Expecting the book to develop some regimen of gestures, simple & consistent commands, tone of voice, etc, I bought this as a gift for my daughter to explore interacting with our anxiety-ridden rescue beagle. Instead, I find Mr Link instructs the reader to interact with pets thusly: > "Now, Bowser, I'm going out to the store for a little while. While I'm gone, I want you to relax & chew on your rawhide. I'll be back soon." What kind of crackpot nonsense is this?!?! Well, experience now tells me that it's the kind of crackpot nonsense

that works. I'm finding when I address the dog this way as I'm preparing to leave the house, he gets in his bed (cage) on his own, if I tell him early enough, he'll tell me he needs to go out first, then he'll come right back in and get in his bed, perhaps stopping by his water bowl for a couple laps first, and he's generally -- not always -- more relaxed when I get home. I never would have believed it, had I not seen it myself with my very own eyes. Next up for me: To buy into Mr Link's advice to telepathically communicate with the animals. Call me reluctant; call me resistant; call me skittish.... regardless, I'm giving his book 4\* until I can see evidence of this telepathy thing working. In the meantime, I'm with Vizzini: "Inconceivable!"

I'm not sure what to think about this book. I know there are people, such as author Tim Link, who can communicate with animals. However, I think they have a special gift. I'd love to be able to communicate with my pets, but I can't see myself being able to achieve this. I see what Link discusses in his book as pet guardians being more alert to, and capitalizing on, communication already established between pet and owner. I use certain words, phrases and movements with my pets every day. They, and I, become familiar with these forms of communication because they are repeated many times over. I think I know what my pets are thinking because of our daily routines. It could be that I'm not open enough to holding conversations with my pets, and that is my fault. Maybe with time and encouraging myself to have an open mind, actual communication can take place. As for understanding pets, why certain pets do certain things, and how to view the communication that does take place between pet and guardian, *Talking with Dogs and Cats* offers a good foundation on which to build. I especially like Part II, "Addressing Animals' Needs and Behavioral Challenges". This section encourages pets be given jobs, which I think broadens opportunities for pets and their guardians to explore more levels on which to enjoy, appreciate and communicate each other. Chapter 14, "Socialization of Animals," discusses an important part of animal ownership. The socialization of a pet makes your companion more welcome in outside areas and activities. Exposing your pet to your pursuits and friends enriches the pet's life as well as your own. If you can trust your companions while out of familiar surroundings you can relax and enjoy all that is taking place. Link offers solid advice on how to go about socializing your pet. Link goes further and explains how to handle such behaviors as separation anxiety, excessive barking, walking on a leash, digging and other activities with which a pet parent may have to contend. Interesting, helpful and thought provoking, *Talking with Dogs and Cats* is certainly worth reading. While you may have to be convinced that you can hold a conversation with your pet, as I do, it's something I'd certainly like to explore and finally achieve. This book opens the door to such a fascinating possibility.

I know Tim Link's work as a radio show host and author, and I am so thrilled he's given us this wonderful book! As an animal communicator myself, I know his words ring true, and he adds what many communicators fail to do: common sense. You will learn a great deal from this clear, concise, and loving exploration of how we talk with our dogs and cats everyday, how they communicate with us, and how we can deepen the human-animal bond to create strong, loving, healthy families with animals. Well done!

This book is full of useful information for the pet owner who wants to improve their relationship with their companion animals. I will admit the idea of "communicating" with my dogs has been met with a little resistance in my home, but I can attest first hand that's I am seeing a difference in the two weeks I have been working on this. Animals communicate with each other in ways we do not understand, so it makes sense that they pick up on different things than we do. I can not say that I have been able to get return communication in a way that some might want, but what I can say is my dogs are less anxious and that is very apparent. We still have work to do, I will say that I know it is possible for our pets to communicate with us. I had a personal experience with a previous Pete where she did communicate with me in her final hours, Therefore I do believe that when we are truly open it can happen. This book is a great starting point and I highly recommend it to augment a positive training program. My dogs are glad I read it.

Every pet owner should get this book. Link provides a great deal of useful, insightful information in here. For instance, he's right that animals can sense our moods and negative energy. I have only two disagreements: 1. I don't know any cat owners who take their cats for a walk; and 2. pets don't need to be told where you're going in as precise detail Link suggests. These quibbles notwithstanding, anyone who loves their pet should get this book.

This is the second book by Tim Link that I've read and he keeps getting better. I've also attended one of his seminars and his insight just gives me chills. If you're interested in learning how to communicate with your animals better, these are the books for you! Enjoy your reading and learning more about your furry friends.

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