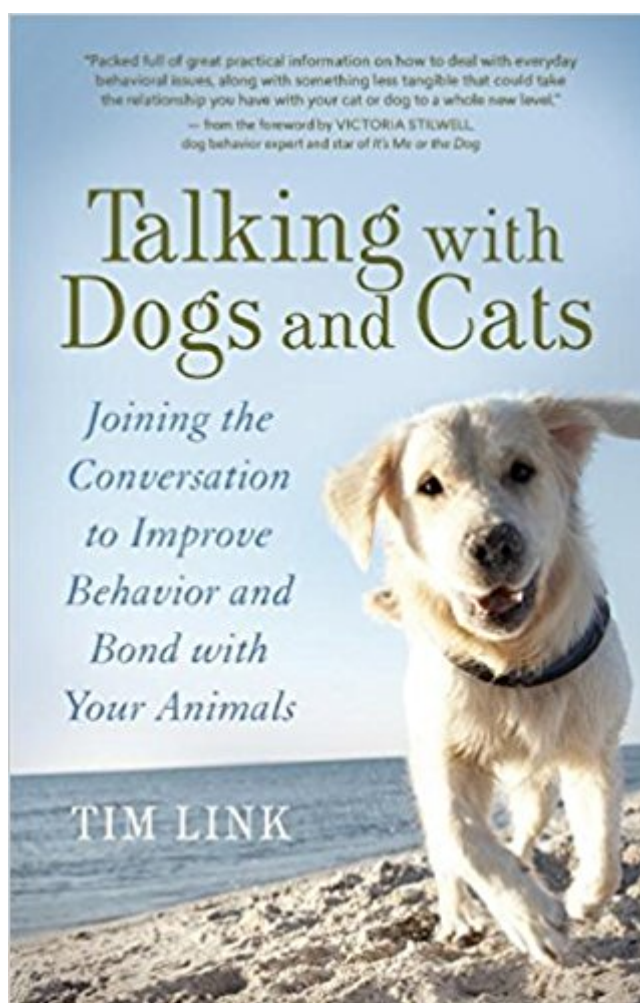


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# Talking With Dogs And Cats: Joining The Conversation To Improve Behavior And Bond With Your Animals



## Synopsis

If you've ever wondered what your animal was trying to tell you with a bark, meow, or tweet, this is the book for you. Animal communicator Tim Link's approach respects the personality and feelings of animals, and his simple, accessible methods can facilitate the understanding and communication that all animal lovers crave.

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## Customer Reviews

“Packed full of great practical information on how to deal with everyday behavioral issues, along with something less tangible that could take the relationship you have with your cat or dog to a whole new level.”  
— from the foreword by Victoria Stilwell, dog behavior expert and star of *It's Me or the Dog*  
“I highly recommend this book! It will make living with you so much easier.”  
— Sneaky Pie (the cat) as told to Rita Mae Brown, New York Times bestselling author of the Mrs. Murphy Mystery series  
“Communicating with our animals is one of the most important aspects of the human-animal connection, and it can also be the most fun, as demonstrated in Tim Link's lively, practical book. You'll discover ways to solve common pet problems and make interacting with animals more meaningful. It's the perfect book to enhance our lives with the amazing creatures who share our world.”  
— Marty Becker, DVM, America's Veterinarian and the chief veterinary correspondent for *Dogster*  
“This book helps us stop talking to or at our animal pals and teaches us how to talk with them! Whether your furry friend has behavioral problems or is the best

pet in the world, Talking with Dogs and Cats will help you develop a more richly rewarding communication, a give-and-take dialogue where both of you learn what the other wants. A win-win!

W. Bruce Cameron, author of *A Dog's Purpose* and *The Dog Master*; Focusing on the dogs and cats in our lives, Tim Link explains how to understand them through getting their unique perspectives, thoughts, and feelings.

Penelope Smith, pioneering animal communication specialist and author of *Animal Talk*, *When Animals Speak*, and *Animals in Spirit*; Practicing animal communicator and consultant Link shares his animal telepathy techniques with pet owners so they can better understand and bond with their animals....By employing these methods, he advises how to solve or reduce various behavior problems such as separation anxiety, excessive barking, litter-box mishaps, reactions to storms and other loud noises, and resistance to walking on a leash....Link's easygoing attitude and sincerity will be a welcome addition to those interested in alternative forms of animal communication.

• Library Journal

Tim Link is the host of the nationally syndicated radio show *Animal Writes* and a regular contributing writer for *Victoria Stilwell's Positively* pet expert blog and *Dogster* and *Catster* magazines. He lives with his wife and their many pets outside Atlanta, Georgia.

It sounds crazy to think that you can talk to your pets. But think about it: animals communicate with each other without talking. This is a great book if you believe that you can communicate with your pets. I know I can, so this helped me to be able to accept that what I thought were answers from my cat really were answers. Did you ever have something just pop into your mind? Like, "oh, I've got to clean the litter box"? The idea of this book is that that is probably your cat telling you that the litter box needs cleaning. Think about it. It never happens when it doesn't need cleaning. :-) Basically, you picture something in your mind, a food dish, etc. and the animal responds if he wants it. You don't have to stare deeply into their eyes or say it out loud. Don't try, just do it. Anyhow, Tim Link has a great way of explaining how and why you can really communicate with your pets. This is a great book.

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 was 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!"

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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.

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.

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.

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