

Animal Communications

When you know your rabbit isn't feeling well, how often have you wished he could just "tell you where it hurts"? For those of us who have rabbits with more than one chronic ailment, a skilled communicator can be a key to rapid identification, and thus treatment, of the problem. At one point Murray stopped eating less than five weeks after a molar trim when he had been going eight to ten weeks between trims. I asked his communicator to find out what was bothering him and he told her his teeth hurt. Sure enough, he had a nasty spur that had already lacerated his cheek. He was ready to eat by the time we got home from the vet!



Since animal communication is telepathic in nature, most communicators do not need to be physically with the animal to communicate. Some communicate with the animal via a phone conversation with the owner. Murray's primary communicator, who specializes in rabbits, requests a picture of your animal and the questions/issues via e-mail or her website (www.lagomorphs.com), conducts the session when your rabbit is receptive, and provides a written transcript of the session.

Most communicators agree that we are all born with the capacity to communicate with animals, but that for most of us the capability is "socialized" away at an early age. However, if you have a deep bond with your rabbit, you may periodically feel that you understand what he is trying to tell you — and you are probably right! Similarly, the deeper your connection is to your rabbit, the more likely it is that he will understand your efforts to communicate with him. This is why, throughout this book, I encourage you to take the time to explain to your rabbit what you are doing and why. This communication is important whether the subject is giving medicine, addressing a behavior problem, or explaining changes in his environment. Note, however, that even professional communicators often use another professional to communicate with their animals, especially about health-related issues. An owner's biases (either hopes or fears) can cloud the communication channels. Especially when the human-animal bond is deep, it may be easier for your rabbit to be completely honest when communicating through an uninvolved third party.