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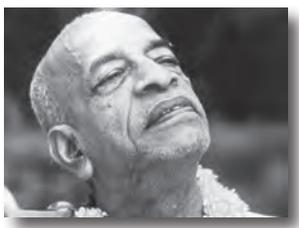
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*A pure Krsna conscious person, devotee of Krsna, He is also subrdam sarva-bhutanam: everyone's friend. Not that he is friend to his brother and sister and nobody else. No. A devotee is friend of the ant also. According to Vaisnava communism, a Vaisnava is advised to see that in his house not even an ant remains without food. Even there is snake, one should see that he is also fed well and he is not, I mean to say, hungry or fasting. This is the duty. Where is that communism?*

*~ Srila Prabhupada*

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## *Preface*

**H**uman society is becoming increasingly heartless. Apathy and desensitization are growing and compassion is decreasing all over the world. People simply do not care about one another the way they used to. Today, we are more self-absorbed and self-centered than ever. When people see some one dying or getting killed right in front of them, they don't even so much as wink an eye.

In 2011 a security camera video caught a terrible scene in China. A toddler was wandering in a narrow street and was hit by a van. The van stopped, then moved on while the rear tires slowly rolled over the young girl's legs. She lay there screaming, but many people just walked by.

Minutes later, another van ran over the toddler without slowing down. People continued to walk by unfazed, and motorcyclists rode around her barely moving body.

Finally, some 10 minutes later, a woman came to her aid and got help.

In another case, a school girl was sexually assaulted in a New York alley by a group of young students. The passers by, instead of helping or calling the police, joined in and the assault went on for hours.

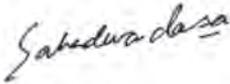
In another instance, a woman who had been raped pleaded for help from a passer-by, only to be told: "I'm going to do the same thing to you."

Many accident victims die on the roads as no one helps out or even calls for help.

When human heart can grow so cold to fellow human beings, what concern it could possibly show to other living creatures. No wonder, the planet has turned into a giant meat grinder and the animals are being treated in the most horrific ways you can imagine.

Robert Tizon says, "I would rather have eyes that cannot see; ears that cannot hear; lips that cannot speak, than a heart that cannot love"

The world has lost its heart and it needs to search it out.



Dr. Sahadeva dasa  
1st September 2015  
Secunderabad, India

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1.

## **The Same Heart Beats In Animals**

### **As In You And Me**

**B**eing a human is a pretty sweet gig, all things considered. We humans like to think of ourselves as a special bunch, but it turns out we have plenty in common with other animals.<sup>1</sup>

We are all made up of similar systems. However different species, of which humans are just one, all have different abilities and needs in order to be fit and happy. Many feel the same kinds of sensations and emotions as us: hunger and thirst, heat and cold, pain and pleasure, fear, stress and anxiety<sup>2</sup>. But they don't always feel things in the same way, or react in ways that make it easy for humans to understand.

Most animals are what we describe as 'sentient' - they can think, perceive their environment, and experience suffering and pleasure, although they may experience and understand these in diverse ways<sup>3</sup>. Animals are also 'conscious' just like people, that is, they have an awareness of things within themselves and their surroundings<sup>4</sup>. There are different levels of consciousness and some animals have higher levels than others<sup>5</sup>. Lower levels of consciousness allow species to experience sensations and emotions, but not necessarily be aware of more complex ideas like time and space. For example, hermit crabs have been found to respond to painful stimulations

by evacuating their shells, although those with better quality shells take longer to leave than those with poor quality shells. This suggests to scientists that the crabs are motivated to hang onto these more valuable items, although they may not be as aware as say a human would be about why they received the pain, or what they could do to avoid it<sup>6</sup>. Higher consciousness allows species, including people and some animals, to think about their past, and make plans for the future. For example, when studying chimpanzees, Jane Goodall noted when chimpanzees are aggressive towards another member of the group, it may cause that individual to leave the group after repeated attacks. This shows us that the chimpanzee can remember what happened to it in the past, and make a decision to do something about its experiences<sup>8</sup>. New Caledonian



Crows are able to learn how to make, and use a variety of tools and when given the choice, select ones that are appropriate for a particular task<sup>9</sup>. This demonstrates their ability to learn from the past, and make decisions about what is required for the future.

Some examples of ways that animals can think differently to people:

An animal may not react in the same way when it is injured. Prey species like mice can be good at hiding their pain, especially when showing weakness may mean they could get eaten by an eagle!<sup>10</sup>

An animal may not be able to explain uncomfortable experiences to itself, in the way that we can, say when we visit the dentist. This means that they may feel more frightened and unsure about experiences, similar to how a child may react when it gets hurt.

Sometimes animals can enjoy the same kinds of experience as we do. We've all seen a dog enjoy a lie in the sunshine, or munch on delicious food! Or a mother cow interact with its new born calf.

Although it may not be possible for other species to compose masterpieces of music like Beethoven or Mozart did, science is discovering the amazing abilities of animals that we once thought were only possessed by people. Animals as diverse as octopuses, dolphins, apes and birds use tools<sup>11</sup>. Apes, dolphins and parrots can understand some basic human language<sup>12</sup>. Other animals demonstrate empathy and altruism. Some animals have even demonstrated a degree of self-awareness, that is, knowing that they are an individual that is separate from others and from the environment<sup>13</sup>. Apes, elephants, magpies and dolphins have all shown in tests with mirrors that the image in the mirror is a reflection of their own body. When a mark is put on their skin, they touch the mirror to try to groom themselves!<sup>14</sup>

We may never be able to understand how an animal thinks, just like we may never be able to understand just how our friends or family think! But what is important to remember is that we are just one of many species, and many of these species of animals, just like us, are conscious, and are able to feel emotions and pain or pleasure, too.

In 2012, group of neuroscientists attending a conference on "Consciousness in Human and non-Human Animals" at Cambridge University in the UK, signed The Cambridge Declaration on Consciousness<sup>15</sup>. The Cambridge Declaration on Consciousness states: "The absence of a neocortex does not appear to preclude an organism from experiencing affective states. Convergent evidence indicates that non-human animals have the neuroanatomical, neurochemical, and neurophysiological substrates of conscious states along with the capacity to exhibit intentional behaviors. Consequently, the weight of evidence indicates that humans are not unique in possessing the neurological substrates that generate consciousness. Non-human animals, including all mammals and

birds, and many other creatures, including octopuses, also possess these neurological substrates.”

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2.

## **A Crow With A Heart Of Gold**

### **Saves People From Committing Suicide**

A crow at Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad, India, saves lives of people who try to commit suicide by jumping into the river. In March this year as well, the crow saved the lives of a couple.

As soon as the couple, in a suicide pact, jumped in the river, the life-saver crow reached the Fire Brigade office and started cawing frantically. In the meanwhile, Fire brigade office received a call and they were informed that a couple had jumped at Sabarmati Riverfront.

The rescue team rushed to the spot and saved the couple from drowning. In this context, Bharat Mangola, a member of the rescue team says that it has happened several times before.





Whenever someone jumps in the river to commit suicide, the crow comes to the Fire Brigade office and starts cawing. Thus, the crow informs them about the incident before anyone's call. After the message from the crow, the rescue team reaches the riverfront.

Source

Dainik Bhaskar News Network | Mar 09, 2015

Ahmedabad Mirror, Ritika Joshi, Mar 13, 2015

DNA India, March 15, 2015

3.

## **Unwanted Dog Abandoned At A Train Station Was So Sad 'He Was Crying'**

A dog abandoned outside a train station with nothing but a takeaway tray of water appeared to be so sad at being cast aside that tears filled his eyes.

The black Staffordshire Bull Terrier-type dog was abandoned outside Eastbourne Railway Station in UK, tied to the railing and left with just a small pot of water by his owner who fled in a taxi.

A photo of the animal, looking forlorn, has been shared dozens of times on the internet with people calling for help for the 'crying' dog.

The dog was found whining and pining for his owner after patiently waiting by the railing for more than an hour on February 11 in the hope that he would return.



When no one turned up to collect the lonely dog he was reported abandoned.

He was collected by dog wardens who hope they will be able to find the owner.

A spokesman for Eastbourne Borough Council said: 'We were called on Wednesday afternoon with a report of a dog tied up and left for more an hour at Eastbourne Station.

'We collected the dog which is now safe and well in kennels.

'We are trying to trace the pet's owner who we urge to contact us.'

If they are unsuccessful it is hoped the forlorn animal may be able to be re-homed in a similar way to Kai, the Shar-Pei dog abandoned just after Christmas.

Kai was left tied to the railings at Ayr station in Scotland, with just a suitcase containing his favourite pillow, bowl and toy.

His story attracted worldwide interest and the Scottish SPCA received offers from as far away as Hong Kong, New York and the Philippines to re-home him. After sifting through hundreds of appeals, the SSPCA chose a new owner for Kai.



*They're animal, they have got sense. I have seen in your country, almost all cows are crying. Crying. Because in the beginning, all the calves are taken away and slaughtered in their presence. Perhaps you know. So what is the position of the cow? I have seen when we purchase cows, the calves are already taken away. The cow was crying, regular tears were gliding down.*  
~ Srila Prabhupada (Srimad-Bhagavatam 1.10.4 -- June 19, 1973, Mayapur)

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### Source

Claire Carter, The Daily Mail, 15 February 2015

Andrew Azzopardi, 16/02/2015

Shedrack Mittens, Capital Bay News, 02/15/2015

4.

## **Fugitive Pig Prays Before A Buddhist Temple Moves On Only After Monks Chant To Him**

**I**t seems that humans aren't the only ones who need forgiveness. Bizarre footage has surfaced of a fugitive pig grovelling in front of a temple in Wenzhou, Zhejiang province in February this year.

Pictures and video of the bowing boar, which had escaped from a nearby farm, spread like wildfire on Chinese social media, sparking a flurry of debates over what the animal was doing, reports Sina.

Footage shows the animal kneeling on its forelimbs encircled by worshippers, as a Buddhist ceremony takes place inside the temple.



The saintly swine reportedly stayed put for hours, and only left the scene after a group of monks emerged from inside and chanted a Buddhist scripture towards it.

Discussions on the social media site WeiBo have seen some



users propose the animal was seeking a pilgrimage for a Chinese New Year's blessing. It was the final day of confessions on Buddha repentance day.

Meanwhile, the owner of the pig later revealed it had escaped his hog pen on the morning on February 22, apparently in search of food.

Sadly, Mr Huang, who had raised the animal, ordered for the animal to be slaughtered upon being recaptured.

In a cruel twist of fate, Mr Huang only learned of its internet stardom after the pig had been butchered, and repented he should not have done so.

'How bizarre! I've been raising pigs for so many years but I've never seen anything like this. I really shouldn't have killed it!' he said.

Huang was astonished by the viral images, and vowed that none of his pigs have been diagnosed with any diseases.

*The mind contains hundreds and thousands of impressions, not only of this life but also of many, many lives of the past.*

*~ Srila Prabhupada (Nectar of Instructions: verse 8)*

'This is really awkward. If the pigs were scared, they should have ran away instead of making that strange posture and let everyone watch.'

Over three thousand people reportedly attended the temple for the final day of confessions on Buddha repentance day.

It would seem this pitiful pig's prayers were left unanswered.

Source

Nelson Groom, The Daily Mail Australia

26 February 2015

Sina English, 2015-02-25

The China Daily, 25-02-2015

*Prabhupada: The love, friendship, everything is there, even in the animals.*

*Devotee: Except God consciousness.*

*Prabhupada: That is possible in human life. But animal also can become God conscious by association.*

*(Room Conversation -- June 24, 1976, New Vrindavan)*

5.

## **The Most Brazen Pickpocket You've Ever Seen** **That's One Cheeky Monkey!**

**T**here are few things more humiliating than when a pickpocket makes a monkey out of you . . . it's only worse when that pickpocket's a monkey.

That's what happened to photographer Pete Oxford, from Torquay, Devon, when he visited a market in Puerto Misahualli, in Ecuador's Amazon rainforest.

He said it came right up to him and rifled through his pockets, completely unconcerned by the shoppers - and police - milling around him.

The bold capuchin even sneaked up on a group of children playing football and stole their ball to show off some skills of his own.

Mr Oxford said: 'We were staying in a jungle lodge when we heard about a troop of capuchin monkeys that sometimes run amok in a nearby town.



'Capuchins are South America's most intelligent monkey. Armed with a ferocious set of teeth and a will to bite they can also be quite intimidating.

'The locals have learned the hard way that what the monkeys want, they get.

'On the one hand they are totally endearing and always hilarious to watch, but on the other they are like a band of mischievous thugs.

'This would-be victim cracked up laughing when she spotted the monkey, as there was nothing in her pocket for it to take.

'The fact is, the monkey knows if there's going to be anything to take, it will be in a pocket.'

One monkey also climbed onto a parked car, scrambled all over it and spent a couple of minutes lost in thought gazing at his own reflection.

Mr Oxford said: 'Eventually he got bored and went back to a life of crime.'



'From an anthropomorphic point of view I thought the whole thing was hilarious.

'And from a biological viewpoint, it's the zenith of foraging behaviour.

'Capuchins almost never surprise me - you always have to expect the unexpected with them.

'But it is hard not to always be laughing at them. I love my photos as they illustrate to me how clever and underrated these monkeys are.



'My favourite is of the little guy standing on the football. He was showing off with what he could do with a football that the kids couldn't.'

Source

Matthew Blake, The Daily Mail

16 May 2014

Latin America Current Events, May 17, 2014

6.

## **A Loyal Dog Visits This Hospital Everyday For The Beloved Owner Who Will Never Return**

**F**or past year devoted Masha has been waiting in a hospital for the beloved owner who will never return.

A little dog that waits in vain at a Siberian hospital for the owner who has already died has been dubbed Russia's own Hachiko. Heartbroken Masha has been turning up looking for her beloved master every day since he passed away at the facility in Novosibirsk in 2013.



It is a tale mirroring that of the famously loyal Akita dog Hachiko in Japan, who arrived at a train station every evening for 10 years to greet its owner even though he had died.

Masha has become a well-known, and much loved, figure at the Novosibirsk District Hospital Number One, where patients and workers ensure she has a warm bed and food to eat.

But, aware of her obvious sadness at being unable to find her owner, staff are hoping an animal lover will come forward to adopt her and give her a new home.



Chief doctor Vladimir Bepalov told Novosibirsk Vesti TV: ‘You see her eyes, how sad they are - it’s not the usual shiny eyes for when a dog is happy. You can see this in animals in the same way as with people.

‘There is nothing medicine can do for her here, but we are still hoping that Masha will be able to find another owner. One day, and we very much want this day to come soon, our Masha will trust somebody.’

Masha, who looks like a dachshund with short legs, has been coming into the reception at the hospital in Koltsovo every day for the past two years since her owner was admitted. The man, a pensioner from the village of Dvurechie several kilometres away, had fallen ill and had turned up with his pet.

Whilst he was staying on the ward, Masha was his only visitor and at night she even trotted off home to guard the house before returning to the hospital in the morning.

Sadly he died a year ago but the loyal dog has continued to turn up every day, perhaps because she believes her master is still there.

Nurse Alla Vorontsova said: 'She is waiting for him, for her owner. Just recently a family tried to adopt her, but Masha ran away and returned to the hospital. She was taken on Friday evening, and at 3am on Saturday she was back here.'

Masha's story is similar to that of the famous Japanese dog Hachiko, who used to greet his master on his return from work at the Shibuya train station in Tokyo.

When his owner, agricultural science professor Hidesaburo Ueno, died in 1925 he continued to visit the station every night for 10 years still expecting to meet him off his 4pm train.

In 1935 the dog's body was found in a Tokyo street and his remains were stuffed, mounted and put on display in Japan's National Science Museum, while a bronze statue was erected outside Shibuya. A Hollywood movie of the sad story, starring Richard Gere, was released in cinemas in 2010.

There are also similarities to Greyfriars Bobby, a little Scottish terrier who was unwilling to leave his dead master's grave in Edinburgh, Scotland, for 14 years in the 19th century.

Source

Will Stewart, The Daily Mail, 25 November 2014

The Siberian Times, Kate Baklitskaya and Derek Lambie, 24 November 2014

Caucasian Review, Alyona Mesliyev, Dec 30, 2015

7.

## **All Living Beings Seek Bodily Comfort**

### **Adorable Puppies Bark Non-Stop Until The Stove Is Lit**

**T**hese pictures are enough to bring a warm glow to even the coldest of hearts.

Despite their thick fur, this group of dogs and puppies in China feel the cold. Luckily, in the winter, they're allowed to huddle round



a staff canteen stove in their home in Jiulongjiang Forest Park, Rucheng County.

According to the chefs that work there, on really cold days the puppies bark non-stop until the stove is lit.

They then stand as close as they dare, to keep toasty.



Source

Ted Thornhill, The Daily Mail,  
4 March 2014

Guangming Daily, Huang Shanshan, March 1, 2014

Oriental Morning Post, Wei Ning, March 8, 2014

8.

## **He's A Water Taxi!**

### **Friendly Hippo Gives Terrapin Tortoises A Lift Across A Pond**

**I**t sounds like something out of Rudyard Kipling's *Just So Stories* - how the hippo got 20 terrapins on its back.

But this was a real-life sight for holidaymakers in South Africa's Kruger National Park, who fell about laughing when they saw a fully-grown hippopotamus ferrying more than a dozen companions across a waterhole.



Hippos have been known to attack wildebeest, lions and even crocodiles, but this benign creature appeared to have a soft spot for terrapins and let a whole family sunbathe and travel on its back.

Elaine de Klerk, 42, who captured the sight on camera, said: 'We couldn't stop laughing at him.'

'I don't know why he allowed so many to climb aboard, but we think that they were using him as a water taxi. We've seen this before, but with only one or two terrapins - we couldn't believe what we were looking at.'

Mrs de Klerk, who lives with her husband near the city of Durban, has now nicknamed the animal a 'pond taxi'.

Source

Dan Bloom, The Daily Mail

1 October 2014

Africa Herald Express, Stephen Wright, 4 October 2014

9.

## **Rrr-epeat After Me!**

### **Buddy The Dog Shows Seven-Month-Old Baby Girl How To Crawl**

**A** heartwarming video sees a dog teach a struggling baby how to crawl.

Valerie Stevens-Scott from Atlanta, Georgia, filmed the family pet, Buddy, giving her seven-month-old daughter, Allie, an impromptu how-to session after he spotted her frustratingly waving her arms and legs around on the floor.

In the clip, the concerned Jack Russell Terrier gets by the infant's side and shows how he niftily moves forward by hiking his front paws in front of him.

His back legs then drag behind as he gathers speed.



Allie appears to be mesmerized by Buddy as he swiftly moves past her.

To date, the 26-second-long video has been watched more than a million times since it was uploaded, with many viewers deeming it 'cute' and 'adorable'.

Many also praised Buddy for being an excellent teacher.

Ms Stevens-Scott titled the comical footage 'Buddy's Baby Crawling School'.

She says that Buddy was a rescue dog and now it appears, he is enjoying giving back to others.

Source

Daily Mail Reporter, UK

23 June 2014

Youtube, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oq1972Jht5k>

Fox News, June 24, 2014

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## **Grateful Animals**

### **You Can See Understanding, Awareness In Their Eyes**

*By Captain Paul Watson*

**I**t was in June 1975 during the first Greenpeace whale campaign. Our strategy was to place ourselves in a small boat between the whales and the whalers, using the Gandhian philosophy of non-violence.

Robert Hunter and I were the first to place our bodies on the line and we succeeded in blocking the harpooner for about 20 minutes



until the captain of the whaler ran down the catwalk and yelled into the harpooner's ear and then turned to us and smiled and brought his finger across his throat. That's when I realized that Gandhi was not going to work for us that day.

A few minutes later the harpoon cannon thundered and the harpoon flew over our head and slammed into the backside of one of eight magnificent Sperm whales that were fleeing for their lives. It was a female and she screamed and then suddenly the large male struck the water with his tail and disappeared. We thought it would attack us but instead the male swam



underneath of us and erupted from the sea behind us and hurtled himself at the harpooner on the Soviet vessel.

But the harpooner was ready for this and had already loaded an unattached harpoon into the gun. He pulled the trigger and hit the male whale at point blank range in the head. The large bull screamed and fell back in the water in a spreading pool of its own hot blood. And as the whale struggled in agony on the surface, rolling and thrashing, I caught his eye and he saw me. Suddenly I saw a trail of bloody bubbles coming swiftly towards us and the whale rose up out of the sea at an angle directly beside us and was about to fall upon our small fragile inflatable boat.

And I looked up into that eye, an eye the size of my fist and what I saw there changed my life forever – I saw understanding, I saw awareness. That whale knew what we were doing and with a great effort pulled himself back and sank into the sea and I saw his eye disappear below the surface and he died. He could have taken our lives but in his last moments he spared us and thus I am indebted to that whale for my life.

And I saw something else in that eye – it was pity and not for himself but for us – that we could kill so thoughtlessly and so mercilessly and I realized that the reason the Soviets were killing Sperm whales was for spermaceti oil used for lubricating machinery and one of the uses was in the construction on inter-continental ballistic missiles for the purpose of exterminating mass numbers of human beings and that is when it struck me that we, the human species are insane. So from that day on I have chosen to serve animals – they are our clients – not people.

Source:

Paul Watson interviewed by Jason Miller

Oct 27, 2008, Axis of Logic

*sarva-bhutesu yenaikam  
bhavam avyayam iksate  
avibhaktam vibhaktesu  
taj jnanam viddhi sattvikam*

*That knowledge by which one undivided spiritual nature is seen in all living entities, though they are divided into innumerable forms, you should understand to be in the mode of goodness. (Bhagavad-gita 18.20)*

*A person who sees one spirit soul in every living being, whether a demigod, human being, animal, bird, beast, aquatic or plant, possesses knowledge in the mode of goodness. In all living entities, one spirit soul is there, although they have different bodies in terms of their previous work. As described in the Seventh Chapter, the manifestation of the living force in every body is due to the superior nature of the Supreme Lord. Thus to see that one superior nature, that living force, in every body is to see in the mode of goodness. That living energy is imperishable, although the bodies are perishable. Differences are perceived in terms of the body; because there are many forms of material existence in conditional life, the living force appears to be divided. Such impersonal knowledge is an aspect of self-realization.*

*—Srila Prabhupada (Bhagavad-gita 18.20)*

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## **Tender Moment A Sea Turtle 'Hugs' A Surfer To Say Thank You**

**After Being Cut Free From Old Fishing Nets**

**A** Puerto Rican kite surfer who saved a turtle from fishing nets was rewarded for his actions with a hug from the endangered sea creature.

The underwater rescue and touching encounter with the turtle afterwards was filmed on a GoPro camera at the start of the year by two friends who were spear fishing off Baja on the Mexican coast.

When kite surfer Cameron Dietrich and Colin Sutton spotted the distressed sea turtle they quickly dived in the ocean to try to rescue it.



'When I saw the turtle tangled up I jumped in the water and began to cut it free,' Dietrich said. 'It was totally worn out from fighting for its life for last probably 12 to 20 hours.'

Using a dive knife, Dietrich carefully cut away the tangle of rope and netting that had wrapped itself around a front fin, while Sutton helped the turtle to float.

Once it had been freed, Dietrich described how he stayed beneath the turtle to make sure it had the strength to swim after its traumatic experience.

Reassured that the turtle was going to be fine, Dietrich swam away from it, stopping a short distance away to watch the creature.



But in an unexpected move, the turtle slowly circled back and returned

to the surfer, stopping inches from his face and letting him gently hold it, as if to say thanks.

'It returned back to me on top of my chest and came right up to my face and let me touch its under shell,' he said. 'It got right up to my mask then swam off.'

'For me, it was an unusual and wonderful moment,' he added. 'After it came up to my face it swam off into the blue straight.'

Since the video of the touching rescue was uploaded on YouTube earlier this month it has been viewed more than 1.9 million times.

Source

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The Huffington Post, Cate Matthews, 14/07/2014

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## **'Thanks for everything'**

### **The Touching Moment A Chimp Hugs Her Saviour Before Being Released Into The Wild**

**H**er name is Wounda, but her name says it all. In the Congo it means 'close to dying' - and that is exactly how she was found when she was taken in by the Jane Goodall Institute's Tchimpounga Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Center in the Republic of Congo.

And when she was finally released after being nursed back to health, she repaid the kindness by hugging the well-known animal activist as realised she was free again.



In the time since Wounda was found, it has taken years of care and dedication to nurse her back to health, until finally she was strong enough to be released into the outdoors once again.

Suffering from a number of illnesses and losing weight fast, it was a race against time to help save her life.

Each morning, Wounda received a liter of milk. The caregivers at the center saw that she was recovering and making good progress.

Eventually, the day came when it was time for her to live her life free from human interference.

She was put into a crate and driven to her new home - a sanctuary site on Tchindzoulou Island in the nearby Kouilou River, the country's second biggest river after the enormous Congo.



The waters were calm and dark. Dr. Rebeca Atencia, head of the Jane Goodall Institute-Congo, kept a careful eye on Wounda inside her box.

It has been 20 years since the Tchimpounga Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Center opened in the Republic of Congo.

Dr. Jane Goodall founded the sanctuary to provide care and hope to the chimpanzee victims of the illegal commercial bushmeat and pet trades.

Today, many of the chimpanzee residents are adults who need to explore and expand their horizons beyond the boundaries of the existing facility.

Recognizing this need, the Jane Goodall Institute put a great deal of effort into creating a more natural environment for the Tchimpounga chimpanzees.

It is to this new island sanctuary that Wounda was taken.

The Jane Goodall Institute was provided the use of Tchindzoulou island by the Congolese government to help create new space for chimpanzees.

The island is more wild than the enclosures at the sanctuary proper and the chimpanzees still have access to the care of staff.

They even have facilities such as a dormitory that gives them a safe place to spend the night.

The journey involved traveling by road on the back of a pick-up and then after 20 minutes of sailing down the river, the group reach a magical

wild place: an island composed of hundreds of hectares of pristine and mysterious tropical forest surrounded by river water.

During her journey, Wounda reaches in through the wooden slits in her box.

Dr. Goodall places her hand on top of Wounda. Soon, it is time to let the chimp go.

'This is a really exciting moment for me,' Ms Goodall says to the camera. 'Wounda nearly died but thanks to Dr. Rebeca Atencia she came back from the dead.

Now she has a will to live and is about to come into paradise and became the 15th chimp to be released here.'



The dense forest of Tchindzoulou Island is now home to 15 chimpanzees transferred from the original Tchimpounga sanctuary site over the last eighteen months.

Life has changed dramatically for these chimps. Today, they can roam freely, feeling the wet earth under their feet, smelling the scents from the lush vegetation and listen to the island's mysterious sounds while they explore their new surroundings.

On the island, there are a variety of trees that offer the chimpanzees large quantities of fresh, ripe fruit.

To get to the fruit, the chimps often have to climb to great heights, which is a



perfect workout for their muscles and brains as they balance on unstable branches.

One day, the aim is for some of the chimpanzees to be released in Conkouati-Douli National Park in northern Congo.

As the door to Wounda's box is opened, she scampers around but stays close to her human caregivers.

She stands on top of her box and sits down to take in her new surroundings.

Then, without thinking, she turns and hugs Dr. Goodall in a moving moment of tenderness between human and chimpanzee.

The embrace between the two appears to last for several minutes.

No words are spoken but it seems clear what both are feeling.

Slowly and cautiously, Wounda wanders into the new undergrowth that lays before her.

Dr. Goodall follows her a little way as she watched Wounda munch on the fresh green grass.

The delight on her face is clear to see.

Then, without so much of a look back, Wounda heads off into her new life on Tchindzoulou Island.

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No Act Of Kindness Is Too Small

## **The 'High-Risk' Brain Tumor Surgery Of A Gold Fish**

"Fish Are Not Just Things In The Water ... They're Characters."

**G**oldfish: the reluctant carnival prize, the fish you don't expect to live more than a year or two, the pet you resign yourself to flushing down the toilet once it meets its maker.

But wait a minute -- you don't have to give up on a sick goldfish!

George, a 10-year-old goldfish in Australia, had a relatively large tumor on its head. So George's owners brought the fish to



Lort Smith Animal Hospital in Melbourne, where a veterinarian successfully performed surgery on the pet. According to the hospital, the procedure last week went ... “swimmingly.”

How do you operate on a goldfish? Well, first you call someone like Tristan Rich, head of Lort Smith’s exotic and wildlife veterinarian team.

Rich set up numerous buckets with different levels of anesthetics, as the hospital’s Facebook post described. Once George was knocked out, Rich ran a tube into the fish’s mouth to pump water with a smaller dosage of anesthetic so that he remained under.

Next, the doctor removed a “large tumor” from George’s head, using a specific type of medical sponge to help control George’s bleeding. The size of George’s wound made it “difficult to seal,”



according to the hospital. Rich managed to put in four rows of stitches, then used tissue glue to seal the rest of the wound.

George was then placed in a recovery unit and given oxygen, pain relief injections and antibiotics. The goldfish took a couple of breaths on his own, and he was back swimming in no time. The entire procedure lasted about 45 minutes.

The brain tumor had grown over the course of the year, and Rich told that “the fish was having trouble eating, getting around and he was getting bullied by other fish.”

Rich gave George’s owners “the option of trying to take [the tumor] off, or putting him to sleep.” But the owners were “quite attached” to George, he said, and wanted to do everything they could to save his life.

George’s owners, Lyn Orton and Pip Joyce, have 39 goldfish, some as old as 18, reportedly paid \$200 for the surgery.

Dr. Rich told 3AW radio in Australia the procedure was “high-risk” and that he has performed goldfish operations a few times before.

The procedure “was so impressive, everyone was just amazed,” Orton said. “Now he could live for another ten, maybe 20 years,” she added. Her beloved fish, she said, “are not just things in the water ... they’re characters.”

Source

The Huffington Post | By Kimberly Yam

09/15/2014

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No Act Of Kindness Is Too Small

## **Story of A Constipated Goldfish**

### **That Had A Happy Ending**

Devoted Owner Spends £300 To Save £3 Pet

**A** devoted pet owner has spent £300 on saving the life of his goldfish after it became constipated.

The man, who has not been named, took the fish to a veterinary practice in North Walsham, Norfolk, after noticing it was struggling to eliminate waste.

He had hoped it would be a simple procedure but was told by staff at the Toll Barn Veterinary Centre that the delicate surgery required to save his pet would cost £300.

The company boss initially turned down the treatment but changed his mind 10 minutes later and went back to give the go-ahead.

Vet Faye Bethell, 29, was then tasked with carefully administering anaesthetic before using tiny instruments to remove a lump close to the fish's backside.

A second lump was removed from his dorsal fin before the fish was returned to water and handed back to his grateful owner.

Ms Bethell said the three-inch fish made a full recovery after the 50-minute operation and said it would have died if it was left untreated.

She said: 'I have never done a procedure like that on a goldfish, although I have done it before on more valuable fish like a carp.

'The actual surgery is quite straightforward but administering the anaesthetic is quite complicated.

'The issue was the fish couldn't poo and it would have eventually become toxic and it would have died.

'There was nothing special about the fish. He just liked it a lot. People love their pets - but that was an expensive little goldfish.'



The delicate procedure involved introducing a carefully-measured anaesthetising agent into the fish's water.

It was then removed from its tank and placed on a waterproof drape before anaesthetic water was put into its mouth via a tube and bubbled over its gills.

Ms Bethell then used a miniature heart-rate monitor to check that the fish was properly 'under' before using a mini scalpel to remove the lumps.

She then sewed each cut with three stitches before using a special 'glue' to cover and waterproof the fish's scales before it was gradually re-awakened.

Goldfish can live up to 10 years and this ailing pet was two years and 10 months old at the time of its operation.

The Toll Barn practice opened a year ago and specialises in exotic animals as well as the more usual pets.

Ms Bethell revealed that in the past year she has carried out a string of bizarre operations including the removal of a 12g skin tumour from a two-inch long hognose snake.

She has also successfully taken out a stone from the 5mm-wide ureter of a guinea pig and recently castrated a skunk.

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## **Treat Them Now, To Eat Them Later**

### **India's First Fish Hospital Comes Up In Kolkata**

**I**ndia's first hospital to treat abnormalities and diseases in fish has come up in Kolkata.

Nearly 60-65 kinds of disease and abnormality are found in fishes in India.

"Such hospitals are quite common in foreign countries," T J Abraham, a senior fish microbiologist with the West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences, said.

According to Abraham, the hospital will have 50 glass aquariums, 25 circular water tanks, each with a capacity of 500 litres, to admit and treat diseased fish.

The hospital will also have a separate well-equipped pathological lab to diagnose various fish diseases.

In such cases as abnormality, sudden death, change in colour or drastic reduction of weight, the fish owners may either contact the hospital or visit it with fish and water samples.



Abraham said that the diseased fish would be kept in aquariums for observation and after ascertaining the disease/ abnormality, medicines and tips would be provided to the owners.

The fish hospital, which is funded by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, under the Union Ministry of Agriculture, has a budget of Rs five crore.

“ N e a r l y  
Rs 1.70 crore  
has been spent  
on hospital  
construction  
and the rest  
on creating



infrastructure and lab facilities,” said Abraham.

Apart from Abraham, who is heading the project, there will be another scientist and the team of the two will be assisted by 4-6 research scholars initially.

Abraham said that the hospital would document diseases affecting fish in Bengal to be forwarded to the World Animal Health Organisation, Paris of which India is a member.

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*But Indian means for the so-called human being. "The cows are not Indian; they should be slaughtered." This is our philosophy. Well, Indian -- the cows are Indian, the goats are Indian, chickens are Indians, trees are Indians, fishes are Indians. Why they should be slaughtered?*

*~ Srila Prabbhupada (Lecture, Calcutta, 1975)*

16.

## Going Ape For Gangnam

### It's Psy The Gorilla!

David Cameron does it, Barack Obama does it. And now, it seems, even gorillas do it. We're talking, of course, about monkeying around, Gangnam-style.

Gerhard, an infant Western Lowland gorilla at Apenheul Zoo in the Netherlands, is wowing visitors with his own moves inspired by the worldwide dance craze.

The youngster's bandy legs are an advantage when it comes to imitating Gangnam star Psy, and he exuberantly slaps his hips and waves his arms just like the effervescent South Korean rapper.

Psy's catchy single topped the charts in 40 countries and



received a billion YouTube hits, making it the most viewed video in the history of the internet.

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon – displaced as the world’s most famous South Korean – even hailed the infectious hit as a force for global peace.



And he wasn’t the only world leader to be impressed. President Obama revealed that his daughters taught him the moves, while David Cameron and London Mayor Boris Johnson are known to have copied the routine at Chequers after a lively afternoon in a nearby pub.

Psy, 34, spent a month perfecting his moves. He said he tried several ‘cheesy’ animal-inspired dance steps before settling on pretending to ride a horse, alternately holding the reins and spinning a lasso.

Psy is said to have made more than £5 million from the worldwide smash. And Gerhard? Zookeepers say the new king of the swingers gets peanuts.

Source

Nick Pryer, The Daily Mail

25 May 2013

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## **Koala's Day Out**

### **Pauses For Photos Before Continuing on His Way**

Just Off To The Shops For Some Bear Essentials

An adorable video has surfaced of a koala stopping to pose for a little boy's photo before continuing to stroll down one of the main streets of a coastal town in Victoria, Australia.

Chris Kerrigan was having coffee at a café in Portland, on the south-west coast of Victoria when she noticed the tiny marsupial walking along the footpath.

Ms Kerrigan posted a video of the koala on Facebook which has been viewed millions of times.



She said that a young boy who was with his mother at the same café jumped up to take a photo of the koala, and the koala seemed to oblige.

'He sat down as if to say "Righto hurry up and take your photo."

'It was really interesting he wasn't the least bit phased by people around him, he looked quite calm.'

In the video the koala can be seen casually strolling past shops.



He then stops in front of a small blonde boy who is holding a camera phone and waits for him to take a picture before continuing his walk.

Ms Kerrigan said after she stopped filming the koala crossed the road before climbing a tree.

Ms Kerrigan, who has only recently moved to the area from South Australia, has heard that it was not uncommon to see koalas on the outskirts of the town.

'There seems to be quite a large koala population because of the vegetation around Portland,' she said,

'But it's not that common to see them walking down the footpath.'

The cute video follows reports that hundreds of koalas have been killed in secret by wildlife officials in Victoria due to concerns over starvation.

The Victorian government euthanised 686 koalas at Cape Otway, on the same stretch of coast but about 250km west of Portland, in 2013 and 2014 in response to overpopulation in manna gum woodlands in the area.



The koalas were killed via lethal injection after being captured in trees.

Animal activists are furious and have condemned the government for their 'cruel' treatment of koalas and questioned why the program was conducted in secret.

Source

Sarah Michael, The Daily Mail Australia, 4 March 2015

Alexander Simoah, Capital Bay News, 03/03/2015

18.

## **You Have The Right To Remain Adorable!**

### **Koala 'Arrested' And Bundled Into Police Van For Disrupting Traffic**

**A** koala causing 'havoc' on a Sydney road has been 'arrested' and placed in a paddy wagon by police.

Officers from the New South Wales Police Dog Unit posted the adorable photos of the tiny criminal on their Facebook page.

The koala was spotted running in and out of traffic in Campbelltown, in south-west Sydney, at about 2am on Sunday morning by Senior Constable Barry.

'SC Barry stopped and spoke to the Koala about the dangers of running across the lanes of traffic,' the Facebook post read.

'SC Barry had to issue a move along direction to the Koala for hindering traffic!

'After failing to comply and 'move along' numerous warnings were issued and the Koala failed to comply and [Campbelltown police] attended and a short foot pursuit occurred and the Koala was eventually arrested and placed for safety in a police vehicle.'



In the photos posted on the social networking site the furry marsupial can be seen in the back of the paddy wagon next to a pair of handcuffs.

Inspector Adam Johnson, commander of the NSW Dog Unit, said one of his officers was out patrolling with his two dogs when he spotted the koala on the road.

'He called for one of the local units to come down and they put the koala in the back



cage just while they contacted the RSPCA to check what to do.

The RSPCA advised the police to release the koala in a 'suitable location' away from the Campbelltown traffic.

The Koala was last seen decamping from the Police Vehicle leaving the handcuffs behind.

Source

By Sarah Michael, The Daily Mail Australia

10 November 2014

Suchen Joy, Newstral, 2014-11-10

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## **Touching Display Of Affection**

### **Dozens Of Black Swans Feed Friendly Carp Fish**

Visitors to Shenzhen Zoo are treated to a touching display of affection every morning when dozens of black swans are seen to be feeding the koi carp at the edge of the lake. This is a scene you probably won't spot at the pond down at your local park.

The hungry fish thronged by the banks of the lake as the graceful black birds craned their long necks to feed them mouth to mouth.



The credulity stretching scene is a regular occurrence at the zoo, where keepers said the swans have been feeding their carp friends every day for the past ten years.

But why? Of course there's a perfectly reasonable explanation, and it's not that the swans and carp have made some kind of unholy cross-species alliance.

Zoo keepers told the Guangzhou Daily it is a habit that has developed over time.

The swans' feed consists of rather dry pellets and the birds got into the habit of dipping them into the water first to make them more palatable.

Once the feed is moistened, it makes it easier for the long-necked swans to swallow.



*We have got the propensity to love. Love means somebody else. Love cannot be done or love cannot be executed alone, personally. There must be another one. I love somebody; somebody loves me. So as soon as there is question of love, there must be lover, there must be beloved, and the transaction, then love. Prema. Prema pum-artho mahan [Caitanya-manjusa]. So we have got this loving propensity, to love somebody, to love my family. First of all, love begins from family -- father, mother, brother, sister. Then you extend your love to your society, to your community, then to your nation. Or you can extend to the international. You can expand.*

*~ Srila Prabhupada (Srimad-Bhagavatam 1.2.6 -- November 12, 1973, Delhi)*

The carp started getting involved after stray pellets drifted into the middle of the lake.

They soon realised where it was coming from and now they are comfortable coming right up to the birds and eating it from their beaks.

The black swans and koi carp have been happily coexisting in this way since 2004 and have, apparently become inseparable ever since.

Source

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## **'Scholar' Dog That Attended University Lectures**

Killed By University Officials And Thrown Away In The Rubbish

Chinese students are furious after university officials killed a dog which had become a campus mascot after it started attending lectures.

Casper the dog would regularly sit in on English and calculus at the Northwest A&F University in Yanglin County in the city of Xi'an, in north-western China's Shaanxi province.

The story of Casper began to circulate in local media and on social networks, however university officials did not appreciate the attention, and poisoned the dog.

University officials have been accused of having Casper killed as his presence during lectures was damaging its reputation as one of the top universities in China.



Student Xiong Hou, 21, said: 'It was felt the dog had a really good influence on people, and as far as I know none of the lecturers objected to his presence.

'Sometimes they would joke that only the dog was paying attention. I think he liked the English classes and calculus because the seats were best there for him to sleep on.

'But when he didn't turn up at the canteen at midday which he usually did to get food with the rest of us, somebody was horrified to see his body in the bin.

'Apparently he had been poisoned by university officials.'

A spokesman for the university confirmed that the



dog together with other stray dogs on the campus had been killed, saying that they were a potential danger to the teachers and students.

The spokesman said: 'We cannot tolerate strays on the campus as they make a mess and also pose a risk that they might bite someone, which ultimately means it's our responsibility.'

Another student at the University, Xiao Wang, 23, added: 'It wasn't necessary to kill Casper, he would sit all day long in classes so he was hardly a threat to anyone.

'They were just embarrassed that he made them look unprofessional. But actually I think having a pet in the class is actually progressive and forward-thinking. Many people are very sad.'

“He was a lovely dog. Sometimes, he would slip into the classroom quietly from the backdoor when he was late for school. Afterwards, he appeared to be attentive in class. We believe that if he could write, he would make notes,” said a student.

A Heart Beats In Us - The Same As In You

Source

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21 November 2014

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21.

## Whales Have Pop Songs

Obviously, humans aren't the only animals that sing. Birds do it, whales do it, and if you are really lucky, you might just see a frog do it.

What makes humans unique is pop culture. One guy can make a song, put it on an album or the Internet and have thousands of people singing along to it, all over the world. There's no way another animal does that, right?

Well, we know of at least one.

Wait, what?

Whale songs become "hits" that can spread halfway around the globe. All the males in a humpback whale population usually



sing just one song at any given time. But once they get bored of that song, an innovator in the group will start singing a new one. Sometimes, this new song contains elements of the previous song combined with some new stuff, kind of like when the Fat Boys and Chubby Checker worked together on "The Twist." At other times, this song is completely new.

Once a new song catches on, every hip male in the community will start singing it, too. But that's just a bunch of whales in a group imitating each other. That's not like the mass media pop culture humans have, right?

Except scientists have found out that a song doesn't stay limited to just one population. A catchy enough tune will actually spread all over the Pacific, from Australia to French Polynesia, thousands of miles, over a couple of years. For some reason, all the whales east of Australia are unoriginal rogues who will just plagiarize their western neighbors once they hear them sing a new song.

*In fact, modern science tells us of sounds to which we have no access. For example, as human beings we can't perceive certain portions of the known vibratory spectrum. Although we're extremely sensitive to sound waves of about 1,000 to 4,000 cycles per second (cps), we're all but deaf to sound waves above 20,000 cps. Dogs and cats, on the other hand, can hear up to 60,000 cps, while mice, rats, whales, and dolphins can actually emit and receive sounds well over 100,000 cps.*

*So our senses are imperfect and limited. Indeed, of the sounds we can hear, are we really hearing them properly? How much escapes us? Modern science, then, can lead us to at least one inescapable conclusion about sound: We must admit our limitations in this area.*

*~ Satyaraja Dasa (Seven Effects Of Chanting)*

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## **Gamblers In Vegas And Our Furry Friends Have Something In Common**

**G**amblers in Vegas have something in common with pigeons on the sidewalk, and it's not just a fascination with shiny objects. In fact, pigeons make gambles just like humans, making choices that leave them with less money in the long run for the elusive promise of a big payout.

When given a choice, pigeons will push a button that gives them a big, rare payout rather than one that offers a small reward at regular intervals. This questionable decision may stem from the



surprise and excitement of the big reward, according to a study published in 2010 in the journal *Proceedings of the Royal Society of Biology*. Human gamblers may be similarly lured in by the idea of major loot, no matter how long the odds.

Source

Adrian Culicencu, D.O.R Academy, January 30, 2014

Ginny Rorby, January 14, 2013

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## **I've Got A Hot Paw!**

### **Monkeys Love To Gamble Too**

And Also Believe In Winning And Losing Streaks

**M**onkeys are keen gamblers who share our belief in winning and losing streaks, researchers have revealed.

They say the primates are the first non-humans to share our unfounded belief in so called 'hot hands' during games.

The results show that our beliefs may be inherited - and perhaps helped give our ancestors an advantage when foraging for food.

Scientists disagree about whether the 'hot-hand bias' is a cultural artifact picked up in childhood or a predisposition deeply ingrained in the structure of our cognitive architecture.

The new results suggests that the penchant to see patterns that actually don't exist may be inherited—an evolutionary adaptation



that may have provided our ancestors a selective advantage when foraging for food in the wild, according to lead author Tommy Blanchard, a doctoral candidate in brain and cognitive sciences at the University of Rochester.

To measure whether monkeys actually believe in winning streaks, the researchers had to create a computerized game that was so captivating monkeys would want to play for hours.



‘Luckily, monkeys love to gamble,’ said Blanchard.

So the team devised a fast-paced task in which each monkey could choose right or left and receive a reward when they guessed correctly.

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'They had lots and lots of opportunities to get over this bias, to learn and change, and yet they continued to show the same tendency,' said Blanchard.

The authors believe that the distribution of food in the wild, which is not random, may be the culprit behind the belief.

'If you find a nice juicy beetle on the underside of a log, this is pretty good evidence that there might be a beetle in a similar location nearby, because beetles, like most food sources, tend to live near each other,' said coauthor Benjamin Hayden.

'We have this incredible drive to see patterns in the world, and we also have this incredible drive to learn.

'I think it's very related to why we like music, and why we like to do crossword puzzles, Sudoku, and things like that.

'If there's a pattern there, we're on top of it.

And if there may or may not be a pattern there, that's even more interesting.'

Understanding the hot-hand bias could inform treatment for gambling addiction and provide insights for investors, said Hayden.

Source

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## Monkeys Understand Money and Prostitution

As soon as we're old enough to toddle towards the checkout aisle, we get the concept of money. Money is what gets you food, toys and those lame overalls your mom makes you wear. Money is what puts some people on a throne and others in a sewage ditch. Surely, this one part of human civilization is ours and ours alone.

Nope. Monkeys have also been proven able to comprehend, use and exploit money.

Wait, what?

First of all, it turns out that it's not all that hard to teach monkeys to use a currency. In one experiment, it was just a matter of giving capuchin monkeys a bunch of silver discs, then demonstrating that they would get a treat when they turned one disc in to the researchers. After just a few months, they picked up the idea that the discs had inherent value (chimpanzees figured it out even faster



in another experiment, and were even taught to recognize different denominations of "currency").

And to be clear, exchanging the silver discs for treats wasn't just some mindless "perform an action to get a prize" trick -- the capuchin monkeys were found to respond logically to price fluctuations, buying less if the price rose and vice versa.

And then, chaos ensued. One monkey, called Felix, quickly ran to the chamber where the "coins" were kept, threw all them into the communal cage and then scurried back. What the scientists had witnessed was a bank heist. When the researchers went in to try and get the coins back, the monkeys put up a fight, only caving in once the scientists gave them treats.

While this was going on, one scientist witnessed a male monkey hand a coin to a female monkey. Was this some act of kindness? Maybe a monkey romance was blooming in the midst of the chaos?

Nope, it was prostitution. The female had sex with the male, and then went off to buy some grapes. Capitalism, kids!

Source

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*In all species of life the attraction between male and female is the basic principle of existence. The same principle of intermingling is also in human society, but is in a regulative form. Material existence means living together as male and female and being attracted by one another.*

*~ Srila Prabhupada (Srimad Bhagavatam 4.29.85)*

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## The Sleep-Talk of a Dolphin

**D**olphins may sleep-talk in whale song, according to French researchers who've recorded the marine mammals making the non-native sounds late at night. The five dolphins, which live in a marine park in France, have heard whale songs only in recordings played during the day around their aquarium. But at night, the dolphins seem to mimic the recordings during rest periods, a possible form of sleep-talking. And you thought your nocturnal mumblings were weird.



Source

Charles Q. Choi, Live Science Contributor, May 24, 2012

T. M. Williams/UCSC

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## An Elephants That Speaks Korean

**H**umans do reign supreme in the arena of language (as far as we know), but even elephants can figure out how to make the same sounds we do. According to researchers, an Asian elephant living in a South Korean zoo has learned to use its trunk and throat to mimic human words. The elephant can say "hello," "good," "no," "sit down" and "lie down," all in Korean, of course.



The elephant doesn't appear to know what these words mean. Scientists think he may have picked up the sounds because he was the only elephant at the zoo from when he was 5 to when he turned 12, leaving him to bond with humans instead.

Source

Current Biology, Stoeger et al.

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## Monkey Conflict

### Chimps Rely on Third-Party Mediators To Resolve Disputes

In this era of dispute and discord, lawyers and third-party arbitrators are having a field day.

Two people who would rather chug a gallon of peanut oil than have a conversation just call in a professional to do the talking for them. You might even say it's one of the pinnacles of human civilization.

Except, oh wait. Chimps have totally got the market on third-party mediators covered.

Wait, what?

Chimpanzees have figured out that when the feces hits the fan, man chimps need to stay the hell away from each other. That's when a



very specific mediator walks into the picture: an older female who doesn't have sex on the brain.

Imagine two male chimpanzees are duking it out over who ate the last head lice or whatever. Anyway, after the brawl, each male

will sit and wait, presumably with his arms crossed and toes tapping, for the other to come over to reconcile. If no one makes the first move, a female chimp will make it for them.

Here's how: The female will approach one of the males and start grooming him. You know, picking out dirt and bugs and gray hairs and whatnot in order to help him calm down. Then she'll walk over to the other male, making sure Fighter Male #1 follows. With Muhammad Ali on one side and Joe Frazier on the other, the female lets them groom her, together, because grooming is calming as nothing else in the world.

Then, she walks away, her job done. She intervened, and resolved their monkey conflict. The two males are left sitting together as friends, with neither losing face. We're 95 percent sure this is exactly how the Cold War ended.

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## **Chimp Mothers Adopts Dolls As Her Babies**

**After All Her Own Babies Were Taken Away From Her In Captivity**

**F**oxie gave birth again and again, but all four of her babies, including a set of twins, were taken away from her just after being born.

Foxie herself was born in August of 1976 into a lonely life. Subjected to laboratory research on hepatitis vaccines, Foxie was compelled to produce more chimpanzees for research. But she never got to raise them.



When Foxy retired to Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest in 2008, the caregiver at the lab warned that Foxy was not to be trusted, that she would be rough if people got too close.



*Foxy is extremely forgiving. For all that humans have done to her – shipped her around, injected her with vaccine tests, and stolen her babies – she’s surprisingly very energetic and interactive with the humans. She can make anyone smile with her playful spins and pirouettes.*

*She was bought by another company and leased out to another laboratory, then several more, as though she was nothing more than a piece of equipment.*

*At one laboratory in New Mexico, she didn’t even have a name and was known simply as #hashCA0130. At another, she was tattooed with identification code #hash4X051.*

*On November 8, 1986 she gave birth to twins, #hashCA0156, David and #hashCA0157, Steve.*

*Steve is now dead, but David is currently living at Alamogordo Primate Facility (APF) in New Mexico as one of the 300+ NIH (National Institutes of Health) chimpanzees who are eligible for retirement after years of testing.*

*On December 21, 1987, Foxy gave birth to another baby, CA0178 Angie, who now lives at Save the Chimps in Florida.*

*Foxy also gave birth to CA0190 Kelsey on February 1, 1989. Like David, Kelsey also lives at APF.*

*All of Foxy’s babies were taken away from her within days of their births. She was continually used as a breeder through the early 90s, but had no other births after Kelsey.*

*She remained at her final testing facility for the 12 years, until 2008, when she moved to her new home in Washington.*

*She probably would have made an excellent mother if she’d been given the chance, but at least in sanctuary she is able to take her dolls with her outside, forage for fruit which she loves, and do somersaults and acrobatics that she never had the space to do in the labs she was caged in.*

“When she arrived at the sanctuary she was aloof for a time around humans and cautious about her surroundings,” Diana Goodrich, of Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest, told The Dodo. “She would not play with or even touch any of the toys and other items we gave the chimps.”

And then, she adopted a troll doll.

Her first troll doll was one with bright pink hair in 2008. Since then, she’s adopted many more. Foxie and her troll dolls have been inseparable.



“Sometimes she carries the dolls on her back like a chimpanzee mom would do with an infant,” Goodrich said. “So we’ll just see a hint of troll hair on Foxie’s back when she’s walking around.”

“After all the years of deprivation, she has something that is hers,” one commenter wrote on Facebook. “Beautiful and tragic.”

#### Laboratories Used Foxie For Medical Testing And She Was Bought And Sold Like A Piece Of Meat

*Buckshire purchased Foxie in 1983 and then leased her to Michale E. Keeling Center, another biomedical lab also in Texas.*

*She was there for two years before being shipped back to Buckshire in October 1985, which later became Texas Biomedical Research Institute and still houses chimpanzees for research.*

*There are no records of her early years so all that is known is that she was used in hepatitis A vaccine trials.*

*In November 1985, she was shipped down south again to White Sands Research Center in New Mexico. Foxie was known as '#hashCA0130' at Buckshire and WSRC. At SFBR her tattoo was '#hash4X051.'*

*In two years, Foxie moved from one lab to another, back to Buckshire, and then to yet another lab. At WSRC she was used as a breeder.*

“Does she have enough trolls or is it possible to send her one?” wrote another. “I collect them so I have many.”

The answer? “She has hundreds :) but she’s always excited to get a new one!”



Source

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## **When Different Species 'Talk'**

**How common is inter-species communication?**

A dolphin appeared to "talk" to two stranded whales before leading them to safety. How common is inter-species communication?

Before the bottlenose dolphin turned up, the beached pygmy sperm whales were in clear distress.

But when Moko arrived at Mahia beach on the east coast of New Zealand's North Island, their mood changed and they followed him to safety.



The ability of some animals to communicate is well known.

And while many mammals have the ability to understand human language, they lack the capacity to articulate anything themselves, although apes have been known to use hand gestures.

What's less well documented is the communication between species.

Justin Gregg, vice president of the Dolphin Communication Project, said it is possible that a bottle nose dolphin and a pygmy sperm whale could communicate in some way.

"But it may not be instructions like 'hey buddy the open ocean is over here follow me'," he says.



Dolphins use three forms of signalling to other dolphins - whistles, clicking and postures.

Similar in size and colour to a bottlenose dolphin, it is possible that a pygmy sperm whale might have signals in common with a dolphin, just as different species of dolphins are known to share signals which might theoretically allow a form of basic inter-species communication.

But just as it's possible that Moko the dolphin and the stranded whales shared a signal, it is also possible that the whales just saw a vaguely similar creature and followed it.

And it is important to recognise that the dolphin was not giving detailed instructions in a form we recognise as language, says Mr Gregg.

### **Begging Gecko**

There have been some other recent examples of inter-species communication. A while ago, viewers of the BBC's *In Cold Blood* saw a gecko "beg" a sap-sucking insect for food.

There are many reasons why different species communicate, say Vincent Janik, lecturer at the Sea Mammal Research Unit at St Andrew's University.

"The animals exploit the systems of others for their own benefits. Sometimes the benefits are the same for each, therefore they share information.

"Sometimes they are trying to take advantage of the other. Getting food may not be to the advantage of the one giving up the food."

### **Eavesdropping**

Ants protect the habitat of leaf lice and in return get a sugar excretion to eat, he says. They interact chemically and physically - the ants massage the leaf lice by secreting a small amount of the sugary food they are after.

And honeyeater birds guide larger animals, like badgers, to a beehive for them to do the "dirty work" of breaking it so they can gain access.

The communication takes the form of the honeyeater flying around the badger to get its attention then performing a call, flying towards the beehive and checking the badger is following. If it isn't, the honeyeater flies back to try again.



"The vervet monkey listens to the alarm calls of the superb starling to find out what kind of predators are around.

"Then the monkey follows an avoidance strategy accordingly, so if it's an aerial predator they duck under trees or if it's a leopard they run up trees. This way they improve their chances of survival."

"It's a mechanism that's relatively automatic, it's not about forming a plan. The animal is trying to optimise its own survival chances and extracting the best possible information."

A Heart Beats In Us - The Same As In You

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That's My Barking Space!

## **Stray Dog Kicked By Driver For Being In His Parking Bay**

**Returns With A Pack Of Friends... And Trashes His Car**

**T**hey say you should let sleeping dogs lie - advice that one driver in China paid the price for ignoring.

He drove back to his home in Chongqing to find a stray dog lying in his favourite parking spot, so he got out and kicked it.

However, as far as the dog was concerned, that was not the end of the matter.

It returned later on with some of its pals and proceeded to exact its revenge by chewing the bodywork and windscreen wipers of the car belonging to his attacker.

The vandalism was photographed by a startled neighbour, who showed the driver the





next morning the evidence that a series of dents and marks on his car were caused by a pack of hounds.

Stray dogs in China are sometimes grabbed off the street and thrown into dog fights.

China has no animal cruelty laws, and a person who damages a dog or another animal can only be prosecuted for damaging property if the animal belongs to somebody.

The moral of the story: Interrupt a dog's nap, shame on you. Kick a dog in the rump, your car is toast.

Karma's a Bitch!

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## **A Really Wild Romance!**

### **Love Really Does Come In All Shapes And Sizes**

**T**his is the adorable moment two affectionate beasts sealed their love with a kiss. And as the rest of these charming shots show, there are plenty more amorous animals feeling the love this Valentine's Day.

From a loving look to an affectionate nuzzle, the heart-warming images show these mushy mammals can be just as romantic as humans when it comes to celebrating the big day.

The adorable animal antics were captured by photographers from around the world and include two besotted marmots sharing a kiss in Grossglockner, Austria.

Other public displays of affection show two penguin chicks enjoying a snowy smooch in Snow Hill Island, Antarctica and a lion and lioness sharing a tender moment in the African sunshine.

Elsewhere some more unusual pairings can be found with a Golden Retriever puppy getting cosy with a parrot and a cat and rat snuggling up on the sofa.

Proof that opposites really do attract and love comes in all shapes and sizes.



Pucker up! A pair of seals get into the Valentine's spirit on a sun-bathed stretch of pebbly beach



Mini mates: A white rabbit climbs out of his bucket to pucker up with his fluffy Pomeranian friend



Risky business: A (very) brave rat cuddles up to a grumpy-looking - and considerably bigger - Persian cat



Is that a P-P-P-Peck? A pair of adorable Emperor Penguin chicks cosy up on the snowy Antarctic tundra



Monkey business: A pair of Golden snub-nosed monkeys are captured mid-cuddle at their home in China's Qinling Mountains



A wild romance: A pair of cheetahs 'kiss' - read, clean each other - during a lazy morning on the savannah



The bear necessities: A pair of adorable European Brown Bear cubs could be about to hug... or perhaps start a play fight



Super-sized seduction: A pair of Asian elephants lovingly link trunks, although play fighting is equally likely



Fluffy friends: Tiffanie the tabby cat purrs contentedly with her Lhasa Apso cross puppy paramour



Nuzzling up: A Yorkshire terrier puppy looks slightly bemused as an adorable mini lop rabbit cuddles up



Can I be the daddy? A male Arctic fox snaps at a female during a mating season ritual



Simba, the pride needs you! A lioness nuzzles up to a big male in Namibia's incredible Etosha National Park



Adorable: A pair of besotted marmots captured snuggling up in their Alpine home in Grossglockner, Austria



A kiss with bite! A Golden Retriever puppy puts his nose at risk of a painful peck as he snuggles up to a Grand Eclectus parrot



Not quite the look of love... A pair of polar bears indulge in some rough looking play fighting. Who needs enemies with friends like this?

Source

Daily Mail Reporter, 13 February 2014

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## **Take Off Glasses, Mr Prez Or Monkeys Will**

Residents of Vrindavan in Mathura had a piece of advice for the President of India, Pranab Mukherjee -that he should take off his spectacles, or wear contact lenses, when he visited the temple town in November last year.

That is because the monkeys at the famous Banke Bihari temple, which he was scheduled to visit, tend to run riot and are known to have a particular fascination for snatching eyeglasses.



The threat from the menacing simians is so real that the district administration had deployed 10 langoors (long tailed monkeys) to keep the monkeys at bay during the presidential visit.

The temple, said to have been built in 1862 by Haridas Swami, is infested with monkeys adept at snatching cameras, prasad, food items and, above all, shades and glasses from the visitors at a lightning speed.

Sachin Gupta, a businessman from Kanpur who recently visited the temple, had a scary experience. "I was about to fall from the stairs as a big monkey snatched my glares. As I stood numb, the monkey wore my shades and actually posed in front of the crowd who were all amused. Minutes later, it crushed my glasses and threw it towards me."

Snehlata Jai Singhani, a 68year-old devotee who had her spectacles snatched by a simian, had a word of caution for the President. "I will advise him to wear contact lenses or keep his spectacles inside the pocket during his visit to Banke Bihari."



President Mukherjee visited Mathura-Vrindavan in November last year to lay the foundation stone of the world's tallest Chandrodaya temple. The district administration and police authorities were working overtime to ensure a smooth visit.

"As the President wished to visit Banke Bihari temple, we had ensured special security at every nook and corner near the temple. Besides CCTVs and additional police personnel, 10 langoors have also been brought in to curb the monkey menace in the city, especially near the temple," district magistrate Rajesh Kumar informed the press reporters.

Residents, who are forced to keep their doors and windows locked all the time due to marauding simians, have a grudge against the

district administration though. “If langoores can be deployed for the president, then why not for the locals and other tourists,” questions Rajesh Mishra, a resident of Govind Nagar.

Vrindavan is situated 90 miles east of Indian capital New Delhi. This is the place where Lord Krishna performed His pastimes. This place holds special importance to the followers of Vedic religion and millions flock to this region every year.

Source

Nov 13 2014 : The Times of India (Bangalore)

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## The Language Of Hens

The hens and chickens that we farm are descended from the jungle fowl of south-east Asia. Jungle fowl and domestic chickens make over 30 different calls, which they use to alert their group members to a threat or to food, for example. Chicks start communicating with their mother hen while they are still in the egg and cockerels make a “food call” to let the hens know that food has been found.

Scientists used to think that only a few mammal species could really understand the meaning of different calls and grunts. Now, research is showing that hens and chickens have a more advanced use and understanding of language than scientists expected.

Recordings of cockerels’ food calls were played back to hens, either straight after they had received three corn kernels to eat, or after they had not received anything to eat.



*“Animals are noteworthy and miraculous, not just because they share traits with us, but because they are special and impressive in their own right.”*

*~Timothy Gentner, University of California psychologist*

In response to these recorded calls, the hens only went to look for food if they had not eaten any corn. The hens who weren't hungry ignored the calls! They didn't just go and search for the food as an automatic response to the call.

This shows that they understood that what the call meant and could make an intelligent response to it.

Other researchers found that hens were prepared to wait longer before eating a tasty treat, if they knew that waiting for longer would mean they received a bigger number of tasty treats.



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*So this defective philosophy is going on because they have no God consciousness. God conscious person will not try to kill even an ant, what to speak of other animals. Subrdam sar-va-bhutanam*

*~ Srila Prabhupada*

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## **Howls, Croaks, Chirps And Roars Are 'Just As Complex As Human Speech'**

**W**hale song, wolf howls, frog croaks and bird chirps are complex forms of communication - just like human speech, according to new research.

These creatures may not be able to master advanced language techniques, but their unique calls are much more than just random noises, a study shows.

The 'speech' of seven different species of birds and mammals found they appear to be generated by processes similar to how we speak.

The mockingbird, for example, can mimic more than 100 distinct song types of different species, and the long string of wails and snorts of the from a rock hyrax - a type of badger - signify male territory.

The study suggests there may be a 'missing link' on the path from animal communication to human language that has not yet been found.



'Multiple studies are finding more and more stepping stones that seem to bridge this gap,' says Dr Arik Kershenbaum, from the National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Dr Kershenbaum says uncovering the process could help scientists understand the origin of human language.

But while the vocalisations suggest language-like characteristics, scientists have found it difficult to figure out the complexity.

Typically, they have assumed the sequence of animal calls is generated by a simple event called a 'Markov process', named after a Russian mathematician eighty years ago, which is dependent on what happened last.

Animal calls are said to be restricted by rigid Markovian rules of 'regular' grammar that have a set sequence.

Human language, in contrast, uses what are called 'context-free grammars' that apply the same set of rules in different ways, making it much less predictable.

*Earlier this year a BBC documentary called 'Talk To The Animals' investigated how creatures, ranging from fireflies to hippos, talk to one another.*

*Presenter Lucy Cooke, an Oxford zoologist, said: 'Ever since I was a kid I have longed to be a real life Dr Doolittle and talk to animals. I think it is something we would all love to be able to do.'*

*She believes that communication is key to understanding the secret lives of animals and said that huge scientific advances have been made in cracking this animal code in recent years.*

*'I roared, croaked, squeaked and bellowed my way across three continents to talk with creatures great and small; from flirting with fireflies to saying hello in hippo,' she said.*

*'I was blown away by how sophisticated animal speak is. I discovered that dolphins have names, horses know who their friends are and I even met a bird that speaks meerkat.*

*'And then there were the chimpanzees with a language so similar to ours it gave me goose bumps to watch.'*

Scientists conducting the study looked for evidence of Markovian noises in the noises made by seven creatures - chickadees, finches, bats, orangutans, killer whales, pilot whales, and hyraxes.

They found little evidence of Markovian processes in animal calls. Instead, the sounds made by animals were more like human language.

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*Krsna was speaking with everyone, even with the birds. When one gopi went to the Yamuna to bathe, she was surprised to see that Krsna was speaking with the birds. Because Krsna is God, He can understand everyone's language. That is a qualification described in the Nectar of Devotion as vavaduka. When a human being can understand many languages, he is called a linguist. Another name for Krsna is vavaduka, which indicates that He can understand everyone's language, even the languages of the birds and bees. That is the potency of God.*

*~ Srila Prabhupada (Dialectical Spiritualism, Rene Descartes)*

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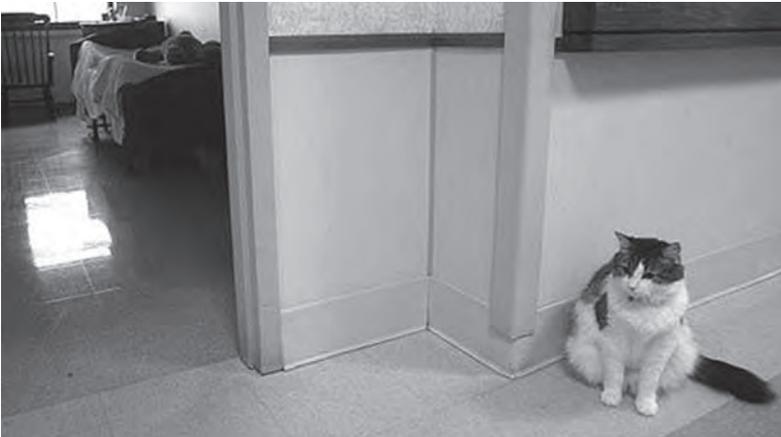
## **The Extraordinary Gift of An Ordinary Cat**

### **With An Uncanny Ability To Predict Death**

A cat with an uncanny ability to detect when nursing home patients are about to die has proven itself in around 50 cases by curling up with them in their final hours, according to a new book.

The tortoiseshell and white cat spends its days pacing from room to room, rarely spending any time with patients except those with just hours to live.

Dr. David Dosa, a geriatrician and assistant professor at Brown University, said that five years of records showed Oscar rarely erring,



sometimes proving medical staff at the New England nursing home wrong in their predictions over which patients were close to death.

The cat, now five and generally unsociable, was adopted as a kitten at the Steere House Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre in Providence, Rhode Island, which specializes in caring for people with severe dementia.

Dr. Dosa first publicized Oscar's gift in an article in the New England Journal of Medicine in 2007. Since then, the cat has gone on to double the number of imminent deaths it has sensed and convinced the geriatrician that it is no fluke.

If kept outside the room of a dying patient, Oscar will scratch on the door trying to get in.

When nurses once placed the cat on the bed of a patient they thought close to death, Oscar "charged out" and went to sit beside someone in another room. The cat's judgment was better than that

*Sheba The Care-Giver*

*This is a true and on going story regarding a cat that lives in my home. Her name is Sheba; she is about 8 years old. My daughter, Amanda, contracted a very rare disease when she was 19, and she is now 26. She is unable to care for herself and lives with my wife and me. One of the many things about this disease is the fact it produces severe whole body spasms, which can last for a minute up to 10 minutes.*

*There is no warning when one is going to happen, BUT, each time one hits my daughter, no matter where in the house Sheba is, and no matter if she is even asleep, she runs to Amanda and caresses her with her body until the attack goes away. I have yet to figure out how she knows about the attacks, since she may be upstairs asleep when one happens, but she is at Amanda's side immediately.*

*Sheba has even come to our bedroom when Amanda is having one of these spasms in the middle of the night in her bedroom, and Sheba will wake us by jumping on the bed and then either jumping on us, or walking on our heads :):) until we respond and get up to assist Amanda.*

*If it did not happen to us repeatedly, I would not have believed it.*

*~ Roger Kimble*

of the nurses: the second patient died that evening, while the first lived for two more days.

Dr. Dosa and other staff are so confident in Oscar's accuracy that they will alert family members when the cat jumps on to a bed and stretches out beside its occupant.

"It's not like he dawdles. He'll slip out for two minutes, grab some kibble and then he's back at the patient's side. It's like he's literally on a vigil," Dr. Dosa wrote.

Dr. Dosa noted that the nursing home keeps five other cats, but none of the others have ever displayed a similar ability.

In his book, "Making Rounds with Oscar: The Extraordinary Gift of An Ordinary Cat", Dr. Dosa offers no solid scientific explanation for Oscar's behavior.

He suggests Oscar is able - like dogs, which can reportedly smell cancer - to detect ketones, the distinctly-odored biochemicals given off by dying cells.

Far from recoiling from Oscar's presence, now they know its significance, relatives and friends of patients have been comforted and sometimes praised the cat in newspaper death notices and eulogies, said Dr. Dosa.

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## **Dogs Can Detect Cancer And Other Diseases Better Than Any Machine In The World**

**T**his woman thought her sad dog was dying. What happened next shocked her and saved her life.

When Maureen Burns noticed her dog Max had suddenly become very sad, she thought her 9-year-old dog was fading away. She began preparing herself for the worst.



He started not to sit on her lap or sit beside her and she noticed that he stands to touch her breast with his nose and then lies again. One day, she stood in front of the mirror and she looked back in his eyes. At that moment she realized that he is trying to convey a message and that she is on the verge of fading away and that's the reason Max is so sad.

Maureen knew in an instance that it is cancer. This episode is documented in a video produced by the BBC. The woman tells



the story from the start to the end of how normal x-rays and mammograms did not detect it. If it had not been for the dog, neither she nor the doctors would have caught it in the early stages.

After the tumour was removed, the behavior of Max changed completely. He was once again his old happy self. The BBC goes on to show other ways dogs can smell illnesses such as diabetes, epilepsy, narcolepsy, and other diseases.

Canine cancer detection is an approach to cancer screening that relies upon the olfactory ability of dogs to detect, in urine or in breath, very low concentrations of the alkanes and aromatic compounds generated by tumors.

It is claimed that dogs can detect some substances in the region of parts per trillion and evolutionary theories explaining the ability of dogs to detect human cancers have been proposed.

Although the first suggestion of this approach in a medical journal, *The Lancet*, dates back to 1989, there were only occasional publications on the subject in the next decade.

However, two studies (one published in 2004 and one in 2006), involving detection in urine, had promising results, with the 2006 report claiming a 99% accuracy in detecting lung cancer, although both studies were preliminary and involved small numbers of patients.

In a 2011 study, lung cancer was identified with a sensitivity of 71% and a specificity of 93%, using breath samples. Other studies, also with breath samples, have found promising results.

Some researchers believe that dogs will become integrated directly into patient care, akin to their use in detecting bombs and drugs, as well as locating missing people.

Others recommend that the skill of dogs in detecting cancer would be more appropriately confined to labs, where gas chromatographs could be used to isolate which specific compounds the dogs identified.

### **Phenomenal Power of Smell**

Dogs can smell cancer even “in situ”, or at stage zero.

Dogs can smell in parts per trillion. An example of this is: one cc (less than a drop) of blood, diluted into 20 olympic sized swimming pools. The dog can smell with ease that there’s blood in the pool.

So far, the only ones that can detect cancer in very early stages are the dogs. See *Diagnostic Accuracy of Canine Scent Detection in Early and Late Stage Lung and Breast Cancers* (*Integrative Cancer Therapies* (March 2006, Vol 5, No 1)

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## **Astonishing Scenes At Woman's Funeral**

**As Stray Dogs And Birds Unexpectedly Show Up To Pay Their Respects To Lady Who Used To Feed Them**

A funeral for a woman in Mexico took an unexpected turn when a number of stray dogs and birds unexpectedly showed up to pay their respects.

Animal lover Margarita Suarez of Merida, Yucatan, passed away after battling illness.

During her life she was known for her kindness to all kinds of animals and every morning she would feed the stray dogs and other animals that would show up at her home.



She was also known for taking a bag of food along when she went out so she could treat other strays she encountered, reports Misiones Online.

Family members were stunned when the dogs suddenly appeared along with several birds at the funeral parlor where Margarita's body was being kept.

Workers at the funeral home denied any knowledge of the animals and said they had never seen them before.

Realizing that the animals had come to pay their respects to Margarita, the staff allowed the dogs to come in and they laid peacefully on the floor near the woman's coffin. Some birds perched on the furniture.

On the day of the funeral the dogs even formed a procession behind the hearse and then returned to the funeral home.

They only left once Margarita's body was being prepared for cremation.

'In pain, they jumped for joy, it was wonderful,' said Margarita's daughter Patricia Urrutia.

She believes that the animals had wanted to be there to say goodbye to someone who had been so good to them.



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## **Loyal And Intelligent Parrot**

### **Scares Off Burglars By Mimicking The Sound Of An Alarm**

Beware Of The Bird!

She may not look as intimidating as a guard dog, but little Fizzy Winkle was more than able to send some would-be burglars into a flap.

The plucky parrot managed to scare off bird-brained intruders by mimicking the sound of an alarm after they tried to break into her owner's pub.

Fizzy Winkle, 14, screeched out a siren noise sending the crooks into a flap as they tried to smash their way into the property.



Landlord David Heafield, 49, heard a commotion from his flat above the George pub in Fenstanton, Cambridge, followed by piercing squawking from his distressed pet.

When he went downstairs he discovered cash from the fruit machine abandoned on the floor.

He said: ‘They went to all the trouble of breaking in, but they didn’t get any of the money.

‘They must have been disturbed by Fizzy and made a run for it.

‘We think they broke in through a window, probably with torches and that spooked Fizzy.

‘They must have got a shock when they heard a strange voice in the darkness.’

David, and wife Joanne rescued Fizzy from an elderly neighbour who wasn’t able to look after her anymore.

The articulate bird is a hit with locals who adore her quirky catch phrases.

‘She can say ‘Hello’, ‘How are you’, ‘Would you like a cup of tea’, but I have refrained from teaching her swear words,’ smirked David.

‘She probably said to the burglars: ‘What are you doing here?’

‘When I came down at about 5.30am the cash and coins from the fruit machine were all laid out on the table.’

David revealed how fearless Fizzy had previously picked up the sound of sirens by copying passing emergency vehicles.

He said: ‘She makes sounds like sirens from hearing police go past the pub.

‘She copies the fire alarm as well.’



*The aesthetic sense of the Lord is manifested in the artistic, colorful creation of varieties of birds like the peacock, parrot and cuckoo.*

*~ Srila Prabhupada (Srimad Bhagavatam 2.1.36)*

The attempted night-time robbery took place in February 2012, following a string of similar break-ins at local businesses.

A nearby bakers and fancy dress shop had both been targeted.

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Human society is becoming increasingly heartless. Apathy and desensitization are growing and compassion is decreasing all over the world. People simply do not care about one another the way they used to. Today, we are more self-absorbed and self-centered than ever. When people see some one dying or getting killed right in front of them, they don't even so much as wink an eye.

In 2011 a security camera video caught a terrible scene in China. A toddler was wandering in a narrow street and was hit by a van. The van stopped, then moved on while the rear tires slowly rolled over the young girl's legs. She lay there screaming, but many people just walked by.

Minutes later, another van ran over the toddler without slowing down. People continued to walk by unfazed, and motorcyclists rode around her barely moving body.

Finally, some 10 minutes later, a woman came to her aid and got help.

In another case, a school girl was sexually assaulted in a New York alley by a group of young students. The passers by, instead of helping or calling the police, joined in and the assault went on for hours.

In another instance, a woman who had been raped pleaded for help from a passer-by, only to be told: "I'm going to do the same thing to you."

Many accident victims die on the roads as no one helps out or even calls for help.

When human heart can grow so cold to fellow human beings, what concern it could possibly show to other living creatures. No wonder, the planet has turned into a giant meat grinder and the animals are being treated in the most horrific ways you can imagine.

Robert Tizon says, "I would rather have eyes that cannot see; ears that cannot hear; lips that cannot speak, than a heart that cannot love"

The world has lost its heart and it needs to search it out.

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