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Summer Reading Suggestions

Here are some of my favorite books about animals and animal communication. It might be fun to take one with you on your summer vacation.

- [Learning Their Language](#) by Marta Williams, an excellent book on animal communication and how to do it.



Savvy and Finn Jones

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[How to Behave So That Your Dog Behaves](#) by Sophia Yin, a wonderful, easy-to-follow book on training your dog with all positive methods.

[Conversations with Horse: An Uncommon Dialog of Equine Wisdom](#) by Kate Solisti-Mattelon, this is the horse's point of view as told to an animal communicator.

[The Language of Animals: 7 Steps to Communicating with Animals](#) by Carol Gurney, a delightful book on animal communication that is very user-friendly.

Summer Reminders: Tips for you and Your Animals

The other day I noticed a woman and her dog crossing the parking lot at Home Depot. She paused to greet someone and I was aware of how hot her dog's feet were standing on the asphalt. I touched the surface and it was extremely hot! I realized standing there in my rubber soled shoes feeling no pain just how different it is for our barefooted friends. We all love taking our animal friends with us whenever we can and the summer requires extra consideration. Here are a few pointers put out by PETA.

- Think about it this way...your dog is wearing a fur coat in the middle of summer! Think before you take them jogging and be aware if they seem overheated.
- Remember...they are walking on hot asphalt as you cross the road or parking lot. Would you want to walk on that sizzling asphalt barefooted? Their feet can be burned, too. Surface temperatures on concrete and black

asphalt far exceed the ambient temperatures.

- Consider trimming heavy coated dogs. It is recommended that you leave hair 1 inch long to protect from sunburn and insects.
- Do not leave your dog in a parked car! Even a quick errand can turn into a long wait in a line and meanwhile your dog could die. On a 73 degree day, the temperature inside a car can reach 120 degrees within 30 minutes. On a 90 degree day, the interior of a car can reach 160 degrees in several minutes.

**If you notice a dog in a car that is panting excessively, drooling, or wobbling; take the car license and description into the store and have the person paged. (A friend of mine did that recently and the person was very grateful! It seems he had forgotten the dog was sleeping in the back seat of the car and would not have returned in time to save her.) Don't be shy, get help for the dog! Symptoms of heat exhaustion are: restlessness, excessive thirst, heavy panting, and lethargy, lack of appetite, dark tongue, rapid heartbeat, fever, vomiting, or lack of coordination. If you notice these get your dog into a cooler setting and contact your veterinarian. **

4th of July

It's a rare dog who enjoys fireworks. They would rather stay home, securely closed in the house, than go to the celebration with you (where they can get spooked, slip their collar, and run away.) Stay mindful of this as your neighbors extend the celebration prior to and beyond the 4th.

Animal Communication Classes

I apologize to those of you who have asked about classes and have been told by me that we will "definitely have classes this year". Circumstances beyond my control have made it difficult for me to make definite class plans. I need to keep my schedule flexible at this point and I don't want to run the risk of inconveniencing a group of people by canceling a class at the last minute. I will let you know when a new class schedule is posted.

Animal Communication Tip

Remember: your words create images. Be sure to describe the behavior you want. "When Ralph comes over to visit today, I would like you to greet him in a quiet, friendly manner," instead of saying, "Don't you bark at Ralph!" Your mind does not create a picture for "don't", and what you relay is, 'Bark at Ralph!' Also offer a description of what the experience will be. "We are going to the vet today. She is going to check your ears, listen to your heart, and then we'll come home together", instead of waiting until you get to the vet with your nervous animal and then saying, "It's ok, no one will hurt you." Give some thought to your word choice before you give a message to your animal. Clear communication will set you and your animal up for a successful experience.



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