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COMMUNICATING WITH PETS

Pets are very special part of people's lives and families. Pet owners communicate with their pets in different ways. Some use a whistle, some use hand gestures and others use voice commands. Communicating with animals and especially pets can be tricky.

Dogs use a lot of actions. When a dog rolls on its back and shows its stomach it means it wants a belly rub or if its tail is lowered and still wagging it means it wants to play. Even though dogs can't speak English, I think they can understand it. Also, if a dog's tail is in between their legs it means it is scared, afraid, or uncomfortable. Dogs will also defend their territory by showing its teeth but not growl or bark.

Cats use a lot of actions too. When a cat's ears are slightly bent forward it is telling you that it is playful or curious. When a cat's ears are pinned back and are flat it is probably very angry at something or someone. Also if a cat's ears are straight and are upright, something has its attention. If a cat stares and slowly blinks at you, it adores you. Also, if it looks at you with squinted eyes, it's definitely mad at you over something. When a cat has wide open eyes it is a sign of excitement. If a cat's tail is wagging, it probably isn't happy about something. When cats have their tails curled up around themselves or around another cat's body, they are communicating.

Now you know of some ways dogs and cats communicate with humans and other animals. Communication is important between

humans and animals so we do our best to make sure they are around in the future.