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How Do You Think Animals Communicate with People?

My question is a special one because I talk to animals every day. My question is... How do animals communicate with people? Animals communicate with people in many ways, and today I am going to tell you about some of them.

Mikey, our pet red-eared slider turtle talks to me in the weirdest way. When I drop 2 pellets of food down in his tank, he looks at me. He doesn't say a thing, then, at the corner of his eye, he sees some food, swims to it, then says to me "food, food, food, gimme, gimme, gimme!" He gets very excited.

My parakeet birds, Flash and Dash, talk to me and each other every day between eating, and whenever they feel like it. They chirp a lot. When I give them treats, they go BONKERS and act BIZARRE, they chirp as loud as they can!

My dog Sprinkles (who we adopted from this shelter), when I give her a treat, she runs off to her hiding place, under the table between my parent's chairs, wagging her tail. My dog Vader gets so excited he eats the treat as fast as he can, almost gagging it up! My dog Dixie just starts running around with the treat happily. My dog Daisy just pops the treat in her mouth and goes on the couch and holds it for a while. All of our dogs go crazy over the Milkbone treats, barking, and wagging their tails.

I used Temptations treats to test how my cats talk to me. Most of them follow me, but my cat Mary, kept running away playing. The cats mostly ignore us, but they do like to meow and be petted, but only when they want to be.

Our guinea pigs talk to us too. Every time you give one of our guinea pigs a bell pepper, they go crazy nuts! All except Shelly, she doesn't even acknowledge it's there. We have 12 guinea pigs that include Abyssinian, American, Teddy, Crested, and 1 Skinny Pig! They make noise, run, and wheek every time we come in the room!

When I give my beta fish, Happy, 5 pebbles of food, she starts swimming around. She catches the food and swallows it. She looks like she is wagging her fins. She is the best fish ever!

These are all examples of how our pet animals talk to us everyday (but mostly me, because I like to give them treats!)