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Ownership vs. Guardianship

When one looks at these two words, related to the possession of pets, one realises how they have two very different meanings. This is not specifically looking at the dictionary meanings but the energy and essence of the words. Yet we as humans use the former with absolute ease i.e. "I own it and therefore I can do with it what I want and deem best for it." The latter being, "I will guard and protect it no matter what." In other words, mostly looking at what the pet needs versus the humans needs.

A good friend recently sent me a poem as written by a cat. It was quite an eye opener ...



I, as an Animal Communicator, not only believe that animals feel this way but many tell me that they feel the same as we do when separated, left or are abandoned by those that we saw as forever friends.

Once again I believe that we, as humans, need to make ourselves superior to animals in order to justify the killing and ingesting of them. Would we, as conscious beings, find ingesting other humans as acceptable? How does one become more sentient than another? Obviously a lot of controversy exists in this regard as today most Westerners need to eat animal protein to remain healthy. Somehow I find it difficult to reconcile our love of animals and nature and the innate need, as humans, to not only kill animals but to dominate and eat them.

So, for today, I ask that no matter your dietary preference or requirements, please make sure that you always give thanks to those animals that have sacrificed their lives for you and to your own domesticated pets that guard over and protect your possessions and your being.

My thoughts automatically go towards people who kill animals to generate large amounts of money (Rhino killings and canned Lion hunting) and I am left wondering how people live with themselves, how they sleep at night and do they live in fear of the judgement they will receive once they pass over?

And then there are those people that immigrate, get divorced, start families or simply meet someone who does not share their love of animals or are "allergic" to the partner's pets ... how do you as the guardian respond? How do you decide to proceed in life under these circumstances? Ask yourself, "Am I an owner or a guardian of a dependant Soul?"

When relationships end, how do you ensure that your beloved pets are emotionally supported? These are the questions that I ask you to ponder. We love using the words "spiritual" and "aware" ... well are you one of those evolved beings or are you as spiritually stunted as a Rhino killer?

All of the above may sound really judgemental to you and if so I would like to say that there is no judgement ... only true experience!

In my personal life and in my practice, I have seen the pain and emotional distress that animals endure due to selfish decisions humans make to suit themselves and, not so funnily, often made in the "interest" of the animals.

Guys and Girls, I ask you to take a moment and ask yourself how best to protect and support your pets in any given situation. Not what is easy and best for me but how do I ensure a safe and happy life for the pets that I chose to have in my life. Yes, it was your choice ... !

Lastly, I wish to thank and acknowledge all those brave humans that are prepared to walk the long, hard and often painful journey with their ill and dying pets. It is so easy to euthanise pets when the going gets tough. To stand by them until they are ready for death, either by euthanasia or on their own, is the toughest and most selfless deed that you as a human can offer your best friend.

Just ask yourself, "What am I ... an owner or a guardian?"

Love and Light
Debbie

Debbie is an Animal Communicator who specialises in the care of ill or struggling animals. She has extended her speciality to deal with animals and their humans at the time of death, divorce, relationship break-ups and re-location of home. Her request is that you put your own selfish needs aside, just for one moment, and ask yourself, "What does my beloved friend / pet want?"

The next Animal Communication courses in Cape Town are: Module 1 on the 2nd March, Module 2 on the 3rd March and Module 3 on the 4th & 5th May.

The March Dolphin Retreat in Mozambique is fully booked. Should you wish to join the May Dolphin Retreat on the 15th - 20th May, please contact Debbie. There are still 3 spaces left.

If you would like Debbie to teach in your area, please email her. Once there is sufficient interest she will teach anywhere inside and outside of South Africa.