

# All Things Natural



photo: Anne Huber 2008

St. Francis of Assisi who spoke and preached to animals. Santa Fe, NM.

## Rebecca Moravec

### Animal Communicator

Rebecca has been communicating with animals for much of her lifetime. As a child she was able to communicate with her animal companion but was unaware that this was not an ordinary gift. As she grew older she stopped communicating with animals in an effort to "fit in" with her friends, and soon her gift was forgotten.

In her adult years, Rebecca was introduced to an animal communicator who felt it was very "natural" to talk with the animals. This prompted her to study telepathic animal communication and she quickly rediscovered her ability to telepathically speak with the animals on a deep and meaningful level. Rebecca did a wonderful workshop for us in 2002.

Rebecca is a professional animal communicator with many years of experience. She offers her ability to anyone who desires a deeper connection and relationship with their animal friends and all of nature. Visit her website for more information.



<http://www.kindredspiritsanimalcommunication.com>

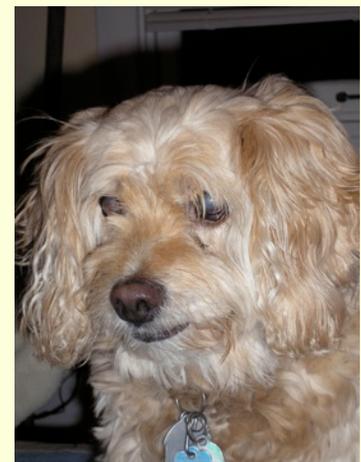
## The Dog

Dogs are part of the *Canidae*, a family including wolves, coyotes and foxes, thought to have evolved 60 million years ago. Modern dogs (*Canis familiaris*) were domesticated from the gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) at least 14,000 years ago, and possibly as much as 100,000 years ago. The details of the process of domestication of the dog is not known, but the social nature of the wolf and the complementary needs of man and wolf are surely involved.

Domestication involves a dual contract between the animals and humans, one that involves the responsibility of each to the other. The dog promises loyalty and love, protection and service. The human promises to care for and treat the dog as a respected and important, contributing member of the family.

*I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me they are the role model for being alive.*

Gilda Radner



Spot

photo: Anne Huber, 2008

*If a dog will not come to you after having looked you in the face, you should go home and examine your conscience.*

Woodrow Wilson



johnny, kelsie, clove, jade & frankie. photo: Sandra Merrill 2008  
Proud to be in training at Guide Dogs of Texas

### Some Dog Books at Sheepish

We always stock a good selection of books with dog and animal themes. Some of the current ones are:

\* [Herbs for Pets](#) by Mary Wulff-Tilford and Greg Tilford. The Tilfords visited Sheepish in 2004.

\* [Canines in the Classroom](#) by Michele Rivera. Michele works and teaches at Healing Oasis, a veterinary clinic in Sturtevant, Wisconsin. They are very active in teaching other vets how to use herbs (especially Chinese herbs) in their practices. Michele did a wonderful workshop for us in 2001.

\* [God's Messengers and Angel Dogs](#) by Allen and Linda Anderson. They have a nice website

<http://www.angelanimals.net/>

\* [The Angel by My Side](#) by Milk Lingenfelter and David Frei. Highly recommended.

### Guide Dogs of Texas - San Antonio, Texas

Guide Dogs of Texas began in 1989 as a program to raise puppies for use as guide dogs for blind clients. In 1997, a professional Guide Dog Mobility Instructor (GDMI) was hired and guide dogs began being trained on site for residents of Texas who were legally blind. In addition, Guide Dogs of Texas became a school for the training of new GDMI's (which can take 4-5 years). In the past 10 years, 34 dogs and 2 GDMI's have completed training (the dogs take a shorter time to sort it out). Currently two students are in training and 8-10 dogs per year are being placed.



A fine new facility became the home for Guide Dogs of Texas in 2006. Steve from Sheepish has visited and was impressed with both the building and the dedicated staff. The picture above was taken in the kennel area which is designed as an octagon with a large center commons area. Large rooms split off from this center area for the dogs.

One aspect of the puppy raiser program is the **Pawsitive Approach**, where non-violent inmates at the Dominguez State Jail work in a team to train dogs for this program. The program has been a great success - both for the dogs and for the men participating.

Guide Dogs of Texas is a member of the International Guide Dog Federation, one of 12 accredited organizations in the US. It is a fine example of a nonprofit organization doing good work in the community. Visit their website for more information or to make a donation. This kind of community-based organization deserves consideration for your support.

<http://www.guidedogsoftexas.org/>

**H.O.P.E. Safehouse** is a Racine non-profit, all volunteer animal care organization, a 'safehouse' dedicated to the care and re-socialization of lost, injured, neglected, and abandoned pets. The organization took in 317 orphaned animals after Hurricane Katrina and successfully found homes or re-united all but 9. For their story, visit

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