

Animal Instincts

WHETHER YOUR PET IS LONG GONE OR HAS JUST GONE ASTRAY,
THE RIGHT PET PSYCHIC CAN SPARK A REUNION

relationship with a pet can be primary. Many would argue that a fur baby is as legit as the real thing. It can be incredibly frustrating when you can't figure out what's bothering Kiwi, and should Kiwi go missing, well, that's heartbreaking.

No wonder so many people enlist psychics to help them better understand their faithful companions. We became curious about animal healers after hearing an insane story

from a friend whose cat went missing in New York City. Long story short (with a happy ending): She contacted an animal communicator in Georgia named Tim Link and emailed him a picture of her cat. According to our friend, Link gave her an address for a town house in the West Village (as well as a visual description of what her pet was seeing)—where, yep, it turned out the cat was hiding under the floorboards.

Typically, the process involves a phone (or video) call with the psychic, who will ask for your pet's name and sometimes a photo. A handful of pet psychics claim to have mediumistic abilities as well and can connect with animals who have passed away—even animals from childhood who are long gone. Our picks at right represent the best pet psychics, mediums, and everything in between. ●



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A selection of
coast-to-coast
specialists who can
psych your pet out

LOS ANGELES

Maryam Faresh
whataboutdaisy.com

A self-described "animal communicator and psychic," Faresh has a soft spot for pets with emotional baggage, those facing hard physical challenges, and elderly pets. A rescue owner herself (her dog Daisy was born deaf and blind, and her cat Louie had three legs), Faresh focuses on how helping pets can also help enrich their humans' lives.

**CARPINTERIA,
CALIFORNIA**
Laura Stinchfield
thepetspsychic.com

Stinchfield typically books about a month out, so be sure to schedule your session in advance. She works exclusively over the phone (note: She does not consult on missing animals), and a one-hour reading is generally a good place to start. Depending on how much ground you want to cover and how many fur children you have, Stinchfield says she can tap into up to three pets during that time. She's a big believer in the significance of animal body language and aims to help humans better understand what a certain paw movement or cat yawn might mean.

**THE
WOODLANDS,
TEXAS**

Sonya Fitzpatrick
sonyafitzpatrick.com

Fitzpatrick has a kind manner that puts you at ease, and no pet questions are dumb questions when you're consulting her. Her soothing British accent doesn't hurt either. We've been impressed by the particular, idiosyncratic details she's mentioned during readings—about our pets (especially the between-the-fence friendship with a neighbor's dog) and about the people who surround them. She's skilled at communicating messages to your pets.

**WESTFIELD,
MASSACHUSETTS**
Dawn Allen
dawnallen.org

The most legendary Dawn Allen story on file involves a band of prairie dogs who were digging up a Los Angeles backyard: The owner of said backyard planned to "remove" them but agreed to let Allen speak with the animals (telepathically, as she's based in Massachusetts) before doing anything. We're told the prairie dogs moved on that very day. Allen has also decoded strange habits of rescue dogs: In the case of a "piece of work" chow chow, Allen pulled uncanny details from the dog's past (unknown even to the owner) that explained why she barked so much at the house's entrance. A few soothing tips later, the dog never howled at the gate again.

**TUCSON,
ARIZONA**

Charles Peden
charlespeden.com

Should you find yourself in Arizona, pet psychic and medium Peden hosts two-hour in-person sessions. You can also go online and book a Skype consultation with him. His starter phone readings are typically one hour, and follow-ups geared at specific questions can be as short as minutes. Take note for birthdays and holidays: Peden offers gift certificates on his website, so you can share the psychic love with a friend.



**CUMMING,
GEORGIA**

Tim Link
wagging-tales.com

When we asked Link to explain the how of his work, he said that his conversations with animals are like his conversations with people, except that the communication is done telepathically as opposed to verbally. Link will ask the animal your particular questions and listen for your pet's reply, which, he explains, "can come in the form of words, images, emotions, smells, tastes, or a combination of these methods." Link specializes in lost-animal consultations, but he also counsels owners on a range of other pet-related concerns (including behavioral changes and end-of-life challenges) and offers in-person consultations at Lanier Animal Hospital in Sugar Hill, Georgia, just northeast of Atlanta, which may include a reiki energy-healing session for your furry friend.

