

The Investigation of Animal - Human Telepathy

Results:

In series of videotaped experiments on the anticipation of arrivals, a dog, Kane, went to wait for his owner at the window even when she came at randomly selected times and was at least 5 km away. This effect was highly significant statistically, and implied that he was reacting to his owner's intentions telepathically.

I investigated a language-using parrot, N'kisi, belonging to Aimée Morgana, in New York. Aimée had noticed on many occasions that N'kisi commented on her thoughts, feelings and intentions in a way that seemed telepathic. In a series of tests, Aimée looked at photographs in one room while the parrot was filmed continuously in another. In many cases his comments corresponded to pictures Aimée was looking at, with very significantly more 'hits' than would be expected by chance.

Together with Pam Smart, I began a study of the commonest form of human telepathy, namely the anticipation of telephone calls. In our tests, subjects nominated four potential callers to whom they might respond. For each trial, one of these people was selected at random by the experimenter to call the subject. The subject had to guess who was calling before the caller spoke. By chance she would have been right one time in four, or 25% of the time. The success rate was over 40%, very significantly above the chance level, suggesting that there was indeed a telepathic influence from caller to subject.

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