

PETS ARE NO PRACTICAL JOKE

A man's idea of a joke — putting a pet 6-foot boa constrictor in his mailbox to startle a mail carrier — could bring him jail time. "It was an incredibly stupid practical joke that wasn't funny," said James R. Mell, 31, an auto mechanic from a Detroit suburb. Prosecutors charged Mell with obstructing the delivery of the U.S. mail. The charge carries a penalty of up to six months in prison. — AP

ANIMAL CARE

What's your animal trying to tell you?

'Interspecies communicator' listens to pets' problems then heals them holistically

By Carolyn Peirce
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Whether your pet barks or chirps, Sherry B. True will listen to their concerns and treat their injuries as a trained pet communicator and holistic healer.

True is not a veterinarian, but instead trained in interspecies communication at Spring Farm Cares in Clinton, N.Y., where animals teach workshops on telepathy to help pets and their owners with a range of issues from injuries, temper, stress to overall well-being.

"Animals live in the same stressful world we do," she said. True offers helpful services including communication, grief counseling, meditation, massage and healing touch for animals through her business, Spirit Paws.

True said she works in conjunction with traditional veterinarians to "enhance and speed up their healing" from a holistic approach. She described speaking to animals as "a language we've forgotten" that uses mental pictures, feelings and colors to communicate.

Dr. Carin Rennings, a veterinarian with Home Veterinary Service, says she "recommends Sherry to clients in addition to Western medicine."

True says the support of pleased clients has kept her in touch with animals and there is no limit to what animals or what injuries she will treat. "If they will talk to me, I'll talk to them," she says.

Joann Hirsch of Glen Arm, has



Sherry B. True massages a client during a session. Her services have helped calm hyper and hurt dogs.

used True's services for three years and said, "She has nothing but the best for the animal in mind. Her heart is with them."

Hirsch's 75-pound mutt, Charlie Girl, was treated with the "healing touch for animals" after tearing a ligament in her shoulder. Hirsch

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called True after first visiting a traditional vet. Within 30 minutes of True's treatment, Charlie Girl was walking around on the injured leg.

Hirsch was impressed with True's ability to calm hyperactive Charlie Girl. "Animals communicate with her because they trust her. It was like a brand-new mellow dog," she said.

True says her work "is all about the mind, body and spirit of the animal and unblocking energy." She encourages her clients to see a veterinarian for medical treatment for injuries, before using her massage and communication skills for a speedier and less-invasive recovery. Her massage house calls help with increased circulation and range of motion, reduced swelling and overall relaxation, which makes for happier energized animals.

True has also helped animal shelters find homes for temperamental dogs.

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