

Vivian P. Tran

4th Grade

Have you ever been happy, mad, sad, afraid, or have other feelings? Well, animals can have those feelings, too! Animals can have every possible feeling a human being has. Sometimes, we underestimate animals' feelings. Some people think animals are ignorant, but they have a brain to make choices and a heart to carry their feelings in, while we have a family we can tell our feelings to, poems and songs that we could write to express ourselves, and many other options to not keep all the tragedy inside ourselves.

Let me tell you a story that really touched my heart. As my mom always use to tell me about my grandparents in Longan, Vietnam, she told me this story: One time, my grandpa went down into a pond to fish because we did not have fishing poles, he went down for quite a bit. His dog was afraid that he had drowned, so he barked really loud to see if my grandpa would come back up, and he did. After a while he realized what the dog was trying to do. He went back under to see what was going to happen. That time, the dog was panicking, and he jumped into the water to rescue my grandpa. The dog has a lot of feeling for my grandpa.

Sometimes, I think animals don't get enough respect. Yes, I know they can misbehave sometimes, but they don't deserve the bad punishment that might come back a haunt them somewhat during their lifetime. If they misbehave, you shouldn't whip them, let them starve, or make them sleep in the bad weather. Treat animals the way you want to be treated. Even if they aren't human, they're still living things.

Animals can have a big heart or a small heart, but it's still a heart. You might not know this, but animals care a lot for you, and that is a golden feeling. You need to give some respect to animals, too. If you don't, they might be sad. They might be mad. Who knows what their feelings would be if they don't get enough respect, but it's probably all tragedy. But on the other hand, if you treat them correctly, they will treat you correctly back. As I said, animals have a brain to make choices.

Here's another incredible feeling animals might have: forgiveness. Forgiving is a very brave thing to do. To forgive, you are accepting to discard everything bad or terrible somebody/something has done to you and start fresh. Once animals have figured that you have felt sorry for what you have done and have treated them correctly, they will use their brain to see if their heart can take it.

I think I know the best person to ask for help if you need help taking care of your pet. That person would be a veterinarian. You can even ask about the proper attention. Anyways, thank you for listening, oops, I meant reading of course!