**2014 Winter Solstice with the Collective Voice of the Animal Kingdom through Carol Long**

**I call the Collective Voice of the Animal Kingdom…**

AK: Yes, and now we are here. Where would you begin to discourse today?

C: (laughing) I don’t know – we’ve asked for and received a lot of questions! I grouped them together since many are similar, and I will read you all, and let you decide how to handle responding within our time constraints?

AK: We are adept.

C: Thank goodness! Ok, of the humans we’ve called to, most want to help, and that’s the first section – we also want to know what’s coming up. You’ve addressed a lot about that recently in your Predictions 2105 session with me, so please tell us anything that’s shifted since then or anything you’d like to add.

AK: Of course. Are you ready? We understand the format.

C: Great, let’s go. I’m going to read the common focus, and then the individual Qs; you take it from there?

A: Of course.

C: **Section 1 Where are we going and what can we humans do to help?**

*How can we get help and guidance from the animal kingdom to help contributing to a world better for all beings, and fuller with love and peace, in each of us and for everybody?*

*Can we get help to leave part of our stubborn personalities aside and be in fuller contact with animals and humans?*

*What can we as humans do in partnering with animals to bring more wisdom, spiritual perspective and healing into mass consciousness?*

*How can we assist our dogs in bringing their gifts and our gifts together in 2015 so we may all grow in the coming year?*

*How can we best prepare for the New Growth coming ahead and are there specific dates to support?*

*How is the American president Obama gonna fare in this new political reality we have?*

*Would the Animals share with us where we are headed?* AK: You can get out of your own way. That is a human saying that is always associated with the process of setting the ego aside and allowing your True Self, along with your Higher Self, to come forth and direct your life. This process – aligning all of your selves in a more authentic manner, will greatly assist YOU as human to assist the Natural World, meaning us, as the Animal Kingdom, and the other kingdoms that comprise Gaia, the Earth herself.

When you are not in alignment, you have another saying that is appropriate, not our favorite for obvious reasons but we will use it because it is jarringly descriptive: You are running around like a chicken with its head cut off. You have no head, no direction, when your ego or younger selves or other various inauthentic components of your Self are in the driver’s seat. So, healing your Self as Human so that you can be present and move into the future as your most Authentic, Integrated, Whole Self is the best thing you can do to assist us AND yourselves, as truly the quality of our futures are dependent on each other.

Then, you will be able to hear us better, to receive quality messages from us. Focus on the quality of the support and information you receive from us rather than the quantity – you will then receive more of both: Quality and Quantity of Assistance.

As you assist yourselves (as we described above), we will ASK you to assist us more, so both of these first directives are prerequisites.

And yes, we will help you to help yourselves. We promise – as you move in these directions, you will find that we move with you in support, acknowledgement and guidance. But you must move first in order to recognize the direction of your integration – then, you will be surprised to see that we many of us are already there, beckoning you forward.

As Humans and all species of the Earth move forward into a New World of greater connection, caring and kindness; you will see what a simple thing this wondrous reality is – the simplicity of love is the special gift of dogs. Yes, we are jumping ahead according to your format, and it is ok.

What you will notice more in the future is that as populace moves in its attitude, in its heart, en masse; your experience of time and space becomes more elastic. Human experiences of events, perspective, and memories vary greatly. This is because you are beginning to experience the holographic nature of your reality more and more as you experience more of your world through your heart. This is also why time or space coordinates (including dates) become less of a reliable structural tool. Do you understand?

C: Sure – we rely more on our Heart to experience things, therefore have a more varied experience due to the holographic nature of a Heart Experience, and therefore experience a more ‘relative’ timeline, so my date and timing of that experience may not match yours?

AK: Loosely, yes. But loosely is what you will become accustomed to. We will talk about your President!

C: I’m surprised!

AK: He is our friend. He is Humanity’s friend. He laughs to himself that he has found himself with this ‘job’. How many of you complain about your job? Who can he complain to? He complains to us through his dog. He speaks very much to his dog about the paradoxes he finds himself caught in.

The new political climate, as also the climate itself, is quite changeable, and not willing to replicate the past as much, either. There are many slippery slopes, but he will find himself laughing more that he does find his footing more than he expected. It is an awful job, he may think at times, but he is a very happy human, in that he feels he has been able to ‘make a difference’, even if it is not nearly the difference he wanted to make. You all want to change the world, especially at your first awakening as a Spiritual Being, but you all are also overachievers in that birthing stage, too; and for that we show you our love so, as your companions.

C: Thank you – I was not sure you would make a ‘political’ comment.

AK: We did not do that.

C: I know! It’s a human overlay – but thank you so much. You jumped a bit ahead regarding the gift of Dog in my next section, so shall we go straight to the Horse?

**[Section 2 Species-Specific: What’s specific to the gift of Dog, and do Horses as a species have an opinion about being ridden?***What special gifts do our dogs bring to us as their partners?]*

*How do horses, in general, really feel about being ridden?*

AK: It is completely an experience about the relationship of horse to rider. Many of you love sex, not all, but many. Most. Some animals don’t love sex, or like sex, as much as other animals. Some really love it. BUT – it’s dependent on who the partner is, is it not?

C: Totally – what a great analogy. Thank you. I think we get it.

AK: We love to watch that – when we live as your companions, we love it when you ‘get it’.

C: We’ll try harder – I’ll make a species promise – ok?

AK: (humor flows)

C: Speaking of ‘getting it’, here’s our next subject:

**Section 3 Communication: Considering the following questions, can you tell us something about how animals communicate with those of us who haven’t studied, and especially about how that happens after they cross over?**

*Are animals psychic? Is this how they communicate?*

*Sometimes I think my dog is communicating with me but I don’t know what part of what she’s doing is the message - How do we know what is a message when she’s doing something?*

*How do dogs who have crossed over continue to communicate with their owners?*

*Do animals who’ve crossed know how much we miss them and still love them?*

*I have read that cats see human auras as easily as human arms and legs, do horses and dogs have the same ability?*

*Do animals (specifically dog or cat) see spirits?*

AK: Lots is the answer. That’s how we communicate -around this issue, and you know it, as humans, too. Our hearts are with you as we understand your frustration and pain of disconnection. We are not as disconnected, but what we experience as your grief fuels our grief, which is usually not as great since we are the departed one, and in some sense are ‘home’. You are not; you are still in your foreign land of the body, and we have been your comfort, and now you are without us as that, and we love you and many of us have to be dragged away from the one-way window where we watch you from the spirit world….

C: Wow – now we’re also sort’ve moving into the next section subject again…

AK: As there is no separation, of course. To address some of your individual questions: We as animals have an ‘unfair advantage’ in communication. First, we know we can communicate with you, and that you can communicate with us. We also know that many of you don’t have the time, need or focus to learn as the ones who study us do, and we don’t care that you don’t – we love you anyway and do not consider it a lack. It is part of the challenge, a rule of the game. But we do know that we can and you could, so we have the advantage of confidence in our attempts to establish a communicative relationship.

From this vantage, not unlike a dog-trainer, many of us feel that humans are very trainable, so we make tailored attempts to establish language and signals. Trust your gut, if your head cannot discern what is a message from us and what is not.

We see what you cannot in what you consider to be empty space. We see auras, energies, relationships as ‘real as arms and legs’. Humans call this part of vision that they lack as a physical sense telepathy, clairvoyance, etc. We learn very quickly what you can ‘see’ or ‘hear’ and what you cannot; this helps us determine how to communicate and get along with you. We do use all of our senses to communicate with each other – those that humans do not have as much are usually easier to use in communicating with each other, so we use those. The senses that humans most often use to communicate with other humans do seem to be the most cumbersome from our perspective, so we use these least, or just for fun, with other animals. We use these a lot with humans because that’s what they expect.

Communication from across the physical divide is the easiest in one sense, but also the trickiest. The emotional disturbances get in the way of what otherwise would be a most direct heart-to-heart connection that you would experience as almost purely intuitive. Once we make the adjustment to the non-physical state, we are usually most eager to assist in this way. The irony is that the process of entering a human’s life, living in close quarters and bonding in this incredible sacred way, usually brings an unprepared-for magnitude of grief and sadness on the part of the human when we depart the body. One COULD look at the entire life as a preparation for the valuable guidance we are able to offer after death, but so often the human is stopped by sadness, grief, even despair. Sometimes we offer a long and drawn-out sickness and death process as part of an effort to assist the human in acclimating to our physical departure. During that time, frequently we attempt to open up the heart channels and bond in a way that supports the human through the grief. Too often the human cannot process or handle the emotions very efficiently, and therefore the human will opt to disconnect instead. Although this appears to be the best option, there is the loss of the opportunity to experience a literal lifeline across the divide of spirit to physical. In this instance, many times we simply ‘try, try’ again. This does not mean that you have failed, it only means you need more love in your life and a better understanding of grief and the death process.

C: Since we’re already talking about it, I’m just going straight ahead to the next section:

**Section 4 Earth-to-Spirit Interspecies Relationships and Back Again: We humans miss our animal friends more than we can describe…for longer than humans who don’t live with animals can imagine. Based on the following questions again, can you tell us something about how animals in spirit relate to humans, how relationships are chosen, and how the back and forth of incarnation into human and animal bodies works?**

*Many of us humans have lived many years with animals as our beautiful companions and now find that we are without them. Do you have any suggestions of what kind of relationships we can have with horses and dogs even when they are not with us in the physical realm?*

*What is it that attracts us to our "family' of animals and them to us in such a unique and profound way?*

*Sometimes we as humans choose to move and are unable to take our beloved animals with us... How do Animals feel about us leaving them behind with other owners?*

*Can humans reincarnate into animals and if so, how often does it happen?*

*Are there walk-ins in dogs?*

*Do animals get to choose which humans they want to live with - is it only the human that chooses?*

**AK:** Regarding our relationships, usually we are a part of you via a contract or soul-connection. There are as many varied associations and ways of moving into the process of incarnating for both humans and animals as there are races and species in the universe, so this can originate from very individual circumstances and needs. However, as both humans and animals move into the incarnation process for Earthly life, we all make our adjustments to abide by the rules and processes necessary for this specific planet, and as accorded or dictated/suggested by the level of our spiritual growth.

Sometimes this makes for uncommon relationships: Who ends up in what body in relationship to whom. Usually these situations that defy traditional expectations find their way through growth delightfully mixed with humor. Remember that, please, as a human. There is an extreme lack of humor on Earth, and that is one thing most animal species have in common as one of their soul purposes: Expose the lack and turn up the humor levels. We enjoy that. Do you know we never feel as successful as we do when we make you laugh? We become ‘addicted’ to it and behave ridiculously sometimes.

That aside, anything is possible, yes, as far as who incarnates into what body when. What is not understood about this, and what is a bone of contention or bewilderment among many humans attempting to order the chain of incarnation, is that your timeline appears as such to you, but your perspective may include what you might call a ‘cut and paste’ ordering. Another way of describing the multiple perspectives on human/animal incarnation processes is that outside of that timeline, everything is happening now, always. This is not something that finds a comfortable niche in any Earthly Being’s consciousness, as your consciousness is acclimated to a reality that includes a timeline as a foundation, so you must make that mental adjustment, and we as incarnated animals must make that too, for our own safety and well-being during our Earthly incarnation as well. We understand that we ARE making that as an adjustment, which most of you do not.

Regarding multiple human companions (the moving without you question), sometimes our contract is not in effect for our entire earthly lifetime. That said, we usually are very grounded in our bond with you while we are in our animal body, and we grieve if we lose you while we are still in the body similarly to how you grieve when we cross over before you do. We DO depend on you for companionship; it’s a greater need than even the best food or the nicest home to live in. We literally are sustained by your love, and by being able to be around you and experience that love. It’s much easier for us to try to transition or bond to another human being if you as a human do a good job of planning it, and focus on your love for us rather than your own guilt or grief during the process of changing homes. We do appreciate being told, and you are ALL getting so much better at ‘telling us’ things.

Regarding “*Do you have any suggestions of what kind of relationships we can have with horses and dogs even when they are not with us in the physical realm?’,*  we DO suggest that you consider that this is as ‘real’ a portion of our relationship as our time on Earth together is. You can probably most easily imagine us as some sort of Spirit Guide, or Angel; some sort of wise non-physical guidance. Really, we are wiser when we’re on the other side, as we move through our own growth process. We may unite with other members of a Group Soul, or other various sources of alignment with our unique spirit light, which intensifies and enhances what we have to offer you. So, as a broad general answer from us, it matters not what ‘software program’ you use to connect with us; we are most likely willing to make whatever adjustments necessary to work with you. Even if we DO jump back into the physical to be with you in that form, you can still usually draw support from a love connection through us to our Oversoul energies. These are the most specific collective suggestions we can offer.

C: Thank you, I think we can get the picture that it’s a fairly unique and individually-tailored situation – the support from across the divide. We just have a couple of more questions on illnesses:

**Section 5 Illness and Relationships: What does illness represent in an animal body, based on these two questions?**

*Do dogs take on the illness or ailment of their owner?*

*Do horses choose colic and/or founder to flee the body?* AK: Illness is a large subject, as it is a profoundly moving event, and offers many opportunities for both human and animal involved. We as animals do attempt to use it as a tool to communicate and deepen our relationships with humans, and we do use it as a tool also to offer support. Sometimes it appears we do become ill in an attempt to assist our dear Human friend on their path of growth and discovery. It is not usually our intent to become ill, but it happens not infrequently in our attempts to assist energetically. When we love you and are incarnated in earthly form, we will do almost anything to help you grow and be happy. We love it when you are happy, even if as species we express that differently.

Many species will exit the body either temporarily or permanently, sometimes temporarily in intent but permanently through default; during any sort of illness. Illnesses are usually viewed as a portal – a timely opportunity for change or adjustment. Usually there is no pre-determined outcome, but this is about as much as we can say in general terms. Animals and Humans get much more creative as individuals, writing their stories according to and despite of their contracts as they go along.

C: Thank you, and thank you so much for so elegantly addressing these questions in detail as a Collective. I am so grateful to you for your energetic presence and focus. I’m sure our Questioning Humans will be equally grateful for your gifts as well.

AK: We complete with you, and we love you completely.

C: Thank you. Me too – completely. (send humor and love)

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