

DO ANIMALS

USE REASON

Some Stories Gathered At Random and Reported With Due Apologies to Mr. Roosevelt, and With No Desire to Buft Into a Controversy

Do animals reason, as do human beings? Do they consider things intelligently, and act upon carefully thought out decisions? Or are they merely led by instinct?

Of their pet animals many persons tell wonderful stories. Almost every man is convinced that his dog displays human intelligence and many maiden ladies declare their cats can do almost everything but talk.

Certain animals think. This is the decision of almost everyone who possesses a pet, be it a horse or a chameleon, says the Philadelphia North American.

This would seem true when one considers the really wonderful things done by animals.

There is a dog in Rumford Falls, Me., that is worth money to his owner. The fact is, the dog actually did bring money to his owner—\$2, \$5 and \$10 bills.

The owner of the dog, James S. Leland, returned the money, however, for the dog was nothing less than a thief—an actual, deliberate, downright thief.

Stole the Money.

One day he found a \$2 bill on the street. He brought it to his master, and Mr. Leland stroked his back and praised him profusely. The dog seemed overjoyed.

Just before dinner the same day the animal again approached his master and laid a \$5 bill at his feet. Mr. Leland stroked the dog, wondering where he found the money. The dog left, and within two hours again returned to him another bill—a \$2 note. Before supper the dog came home, his tail wagging joyfully, and he laid \$10 at the feet of his master.

Mr. Leland determined to take the dog out and try to locate the El Dorado he had found. At the door he met a baker whose store was about a block from Mr. Leland's house. The man was beside himself with rage.

"Where's that blankety-blank dog?" he howled, jumping toward the animal in a threatening manner. "You thief-tief-tief!" he shouted, shaking his fist. When he had cooled, he told Mr. Leland that several times that day the dog had entered his shop, where he would wait for a customer to hand a bill to the clerk, when he would jump and grab it.

Human reasoning is said to have been displayed by a horse a short time ago in Washington.

A big bay, belonging to J. H. Wurdeman, of that city, became frightened and threw Mr. Wurdeman, who was on the animal's back to the ground. The man was stunned by the fall. The horse started off at a gallop.

Horse Rang the Bell.

While sitting in his office Dr. H. Wells Woodward, of 1318 Massachusetts avenue, heard the electric door-bell ringing. He listened and, as it did not stop, went to the door. Upon opening it he saw, as he declared, the horse standing on the doorstep, his nose pressed against the button. The doctor then saw the injured man lying in the road, and went to his aid.

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One hears of the intelligence of dogs displayed in saving human lives. And of all animals the dog, without doubt, is the most heroic.

Dog Saved Child.

While playing with a box of matches, Joseph Schiebal, a 3-year-old boy, whose parents live at 1636 Pearl street, Philadelphia, set fire to his clothing. He was alone in the kitchen. His cries brought the pet dog Don to the scene.

Don seized the child and carried him from the room, and barked until neighbors responded. His efforts to save the lad were unavailing, however, as he died later in a hospital.

When Mrs. Mary Gertrude Black, of Gardiner, Oregon, received a medal from the Carnegie hero fund commission several months ago, she said all credit for heroism was due to her dog, a big shepherd.

Mrs. Black attempted to rescue three girls who were drowning in a deep creek. They had stepped into a hole and was sinking as the woman swam to them. With the assistance of her dog, Mrs. Black rescued one girl; when she attempted to bring the other ashore they seized her and dragged her below the water.

Had it not been for the animal, all would have drowned. It dove for Mrs. Black and, when she had grasped its collar, towed the woman and the two children ashore.

Traveled a Long Distance.

If the average person were taken 1500 miles from home into a strange country, he would have considerable difficulty in finding his way back without asking advice. During April of 1906, the family of T. G. Young moved from Duluth, Minn., to Orem, Utah. They took with them a Scotch collie belonging to a daughter who remained in Duluth.

The dog seemed discontented, and several days after the family located it disappeared. One day in December Miss Young was strolling through a park at Superior, Wis., when, to her amazement, the dog came running gladly toward her. He had been to Duluth and had followed her to Superior. The animal had grown thin and sickly during his travels. How the dog found his way to Duluth and then followed her to Superior was incomprehensible.

Through the intelligence of his little white dog a newsboy has been reaping a harvest near the Park street entrance to the subway, in Boston. On either side of him the dog carries a pocket, fastened to his body by a strap.

The owner is a cripple and, instead of walking about selling papers, he gives one to the dog. The animal runs to passersby and offers the papers. He returns to his master with the money in his pocket.

Cats, while perhaps at times the most treacherous of domestic pets, at the same time possess estimable qualities. A cat owned by W. Oscar Collier, of Easton, Mo., recently adopted a family of rabbits and raised them after Nature's approved method.

Rabbit Sought Shelter.

A family of new-born rabbits had been found in a field on the Collier farm; after they were taken to the house, the family discovered that they were too young to take ordinary food. The cat had just been deprived of a family of kittens, so the little rabbits were given over to her for adoption.

For a few days it was necessary to tie her feet, but she became accustomed to the little rabbits and soon nursed them as though they were her own off-spring.

Wild rabbits are timid and easily frightened, as any hunter can testify. Last November Dr. James L. Chase, of Portland, Me., went gunning. While endeavoring to extract a shell which had become fastened in his rifle, a rabbit came running toward him and took shelter at his feet. Looking up, he saw a big wild-cat bounding after the rabbit.

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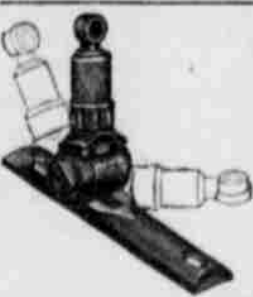
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