

DOGVINITY

Each week, I walk into an Esoteric observatory. I watch the interaction of shelter dogs and humans and am intrigued by the energetic differences in behavior and responses to one another. Some of the staff possess a natural energetic flow and have a calming presence on the dogs. Some of the staff and volunteers are still learning how to “handle” the dogs on walks, with excessive barking and jumping. Over a year ago, I began Esoteric Healing on shelter dogs. I chose the dogs that had a hard time being adopted out. As I worked on them, I would also walk them and look at their behavior. This experience has led me down a path of wondering more about the human/canine bond. What is the underlying foundation of the bond? How does Esoteric Healing assist in the bond? The purpose of this paper was to explore these questions so that I may continue to assist these wonderful and mysterious companions.

The Ageless Wisdom teaches us that every living form has a potential to achieve higher levels of consciousness and therefore has the ability to evolve. I support Bailey’s belief that our divine purpose does not stop at the discovery of our own soul with everlasting peace. Humankind must continue to work beyond our own level of peace and assist others on their evolutionary journey because we are all connected.

According to the Merriam-Webster online dictionary, a bond means something (such as an idea, interest, experience, or feeling) that is shared between people or groups and forms a connection between them. When did the human/canine bond begin?

The Beginning of the Bond

The connection between human and dog has been reportedly in existence for approximately 32,000 years. (4). A common school of thought is that humans domesticated dogs by killing off aggressive wolves and keeping friendlier, more obedient wolves around by giving them scraps or leftovers from their hunt, and in some cases providing them shelter. Conversely, another way to look at the beginning of the bond between humans and dogs is that dogs domesticated humans! Humans more easily tolerated the friendlier wolves that were scavengers, and these wolves “stuck around” to take advantage of food scraps from humans (4). Since these wolves were allowed to be around humans, over time, their characteristics changed due to deliberate selective breeding.

This may have happened in ways similar to the Farm Fox experiment where feral foxes were selected for their more gentle dispositions and then bred, producing offspring with floppy ears, curled tails and more approachable responses such as licking fingers. (5) Eventually, canines won US over. Is it possible, it was a mutual choice? After all, for two energies to come together and co-exist side-by-side, a level of understanding, reciprocity, choice and balance must come into play.

Modern day examples of the human/canine connection are multiple and growing. A survey performed by The Humane Society (www.humanesociety.org, 2015-16) found that 79.7 million households in the US reported they own a pet. There are 78 million pet dogs in the US and from that amount, 66.7% of those surveyed consider their pet to be part of their family. (7) Toys, coats, specialty foods, dog parks and spas all point to the evidence that humans believe their canine companions are worth spending the money on!

The Physical Bond

Now that a history of the human/canine bond has been established, I would like to look at the physical/etheric traits that are shared between the dog and human. Both possess a brain, physiological systems, endocrine glands associated with the seven centers, blood and target organs.

With shared traits, the human being and the dog can have similar experiences. For instance, both dog and human can experience thirst, pain, and fear. The kidneys tell the body to give us more water in response to the sensation of thirst. Pain receptors send messages to the brain when there is an injury. Physiological systems are stimulated (such as the urinary system, the circulatory system and the limbic system) when there is fear.

Naturally, there ARE some differences between the canine DNA and form and humans. One physiological difference between the dog and the human is the size of the olfactory bulb; the dog's olfactory bulb is much larger than that in humans. There is also variation in hearing acuity and range. A dog's hearing capacity ranges from 40 hertz to 60 hertz, while the

average human capacity range lies anywhere from 12 hertz to 20 hertz. Therefore, because of the keenness of his or her senses, a dog's world is full of scents and sounds magnified! (2)

Another example of a physical difference between the canine and the human is that the cortex of the human brain has a greater number of folds in it than the canine brain, so the human brain has more neurons and greater cognitive function. Also, the frontal cortex of the canine brain is smaller than that in humans. In humans, this portion of the brain affects language and the ability to think of past and future. Because the canine's frontal cortex is smaller, their judgment on cause and effect is limited. Since this area can be linked to instinctual behavior in canines, the dog is more primitive in its reactions. Therefore, dogs must receive behavioral training to change instinctual behavior towards domestic behavior.

This behavioral training is applied through the physical body of the human and received by the physical body of the canine. For instance, the dog hears a person's words on what to do or what not to do. Or the human rewards the dog by handing it treats, toys or a prize that is meaningful to the dog when it performs a requested behavior. Behavior is strengthened by eye contact between the two and by repetition of the tasks given to the dog from the human being. Through behavioral training, a dog looks to a person for guidance and a bond is initiated and formed.

The Emotional Bond

Dogs and humans also share another common trait. They both have an emotional body and experience emotional energy where they feel and react to events. Both experience anxiety,

stress, depression, fear, joy, contentment, love and many more emotions. However, their *expression* of emotions may be different. Expressions of content in a dog may include smacking its lips while falling asleep, rolling over for a belly rub or wagging its tail.

Expressions of a content human may include a smile, relaxed facial features or they may simply state "I'm content." A fearful dog may express signs of panting or lunging at another dog. Expressions of a fearful person can include a sound such as a scream or perhaps a nervous jump. Expressions of fear may stem from an over stimulated limbic system. Since the canine has a smaller frontal cortex to manage their stress responses, their limbic system is more primitive (instinctual) than a human's limbic system.

Due to the highly instinctual nature of the dog, an emotional behavior such as lunging must be worked with and modified. As previously stated, when the human administers behavioral training to the receptive dog, the dog's instinctual reactions turn into directed responses; this is called domestication. When an animal such as a dog is domesticated, the human being is contributing to the advancement of the dog's knowledge and evolutionary process.

One emotion that does not need training is love. Love is the wonderful bond with other beings that ties us together. Interestingly enough, the hormone oxytocin, which is the bonding hormone, is prevalent in dogs and their guardians during a petting session or by looking into each other's eyes. The effect of the release of oxytocin is trust, closeness and calm. (2) Most recently, there have been studies on dogs exhibiting mirror neurons; this

explains why dogs get excited when we do, why they drool when we are eating and also why they are content when we are content. They mirror our experiences and moods. (2)

The Ray Influences

The design of the human/canine bond undoubtedly exists on the physical and emotional planes. But the breadth of the bond exists through Ray exchanges. Ray 3 and Ray 6 influence the animal kingdom (which the dog is part of) as stated by Dr. Briner in “Path of the Lighted Way”. (3) The bond strengthens through the application of Ray 3 (Active Intelligence/Adaptability) and Ray 6 (the Devotional/One-pointedness ray).

The human applies his or her mental intelligence directing the dog to accomplish specific tasks and behaviors. This in turn stimulates Ray 3 and the dog’s instinctual behavior is challenged. The dog can continue to tap into its instinctual behavior with no change or it can *adapt* to a different behavior and choose to receive positive feedback. If and when the dog learns to adapt and apply its new behavior, then instinctual behavior has turned to active intelligence. This promotes the domestication of the dog and begins to further a dog’s evolutionary process.

The second influential ray in the animal kingdom (which the dog is part of) is Ray 6. This ray emanates devotion, loyalty and service. Bailey calls it the ray of one-pointedness in her book “The Animal Kingdom”. (1) When the dog chooses the path of domesticity, it naturally turns its attention and service towards the human. A good example of Ray 6 is found in seeing-eye dogs. These dogs have utilized Ray 3 to *learn* how to navigate in the

visual world for their human. They then continue to utilize Ray 6 to be of service towards that human, allowing the human to have more mobility by acting as a second sight for the human.

Perhaps the strongest ray influence is Ray 2. In “The Animal Kingdom”, Bailey says that “dogs are expressions of the second Ray.” (1) This is the love and wisdom ray that also happens to be one of the three major rays of the human being and therefore love is shared between the two. Love IS the bond that ties these beings together.

Esoteric Healing and the Dog

Often at the shelter, I hear people say how much they love a certain dog. Shelter behaviorists stress that a lot of that connection has to do with eye contact from the dog to the human. Another behavior that adopts a dog out quickly is patience, with all feet on the floor and no pulling on a leash or lunging and barking. It’s easy to understand why these dogs would adopt out quickly. Behavior communicates what can’t be said in words. For other dogs, presenting themselves this way can be challenging. I work with these dogs along with a host of others at the shelter to assist them in finding their forever home.

One of the very first dogs I worked with had been in the shelter for over a year. She was an Aussie mix and she and I explored what was happening with her on an energetic level. Behaviorally, she had some dog aggression issues and tried to eat her leash. At times, she would become too energetic with her play but would calm down quickly when directed. I started out by treating her lower five centers using Esoteric Healing.

Her treatments consisted of working on her Solar Plexus center system and also her Basic center system. As the energy in her Solar Plexus system changed from jumpy energy to energy that had “fair” flow and quality, I moved on to the other centers. However, she still needed to have her Basic center worked on each time. During one session, I found that her right kidney minor would pulsate and then come to a complete stop. It would start again and come to a stop. I balanced this for consistency. In speaking with one of the behaviorists, I explained this canine’s energy coming to a complete stop and wondered if she could offer any insight on this? She said that the dog’s behavior mirrored this; the dog would be going along with things and just come to a complete stop. She wouldn’t budge. I continued to work on the dog’s kidneys along with thinking “depth” into her courage triangle, which improved her courage quality. After her sessions, I would walk her and she would stop in mid-step, but gradually improved and would start walking again. She was adopted within two months of receiving Esoteric treatments.

I have worked with several other dogs at the shelter that appeared to benefit from Esoteric Healing. The combination of Esoteric Healing with behavioral training could prove to be highly powerful for both canine and human. It is important to compare canine behavior with energetic behavior and determine if there is a link between the two. If there is a link, it would be necessary to treat and re-check the energy in addition to observing any change in the targeted physical behavior.



Since the canines share a number of similar physical and emotional traits along with three shared rays with humans, administering this technique would be significant to the animal world. It would strengthen our bond not only with canines but open the door for others in the animal kingdom. It would also support the energy of helpfulness over harmfulness and it would assist the animal kingdom on their evolutionary path by facilitating a healthy form on all levels.

In conclusion, the foundation of the human/canine bond has proven to have a long history. The bond as stated is a connection between two beings. Dogs and humans share many physical and emotional traits. They also share the bond as teacher and student. The human guides the dog behaviorally and the dog through Ray 3 adapts their behavior to a new learned behavior. The student devotes him/herself to the teacher through Ray 6 and provides a service to humankind. The influence of Ray 2 is exchanged between both dog and human to strengthen the bond of love. Finally, the use of Esoteric Healing along with behavioral training would assist the dog in its evolutionary process. The flow of energy would be maximized in the canine through Esoteric healing. This would allow the energetic channels to be open and receptive and hasten their ability to learn from the human and evolve.

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