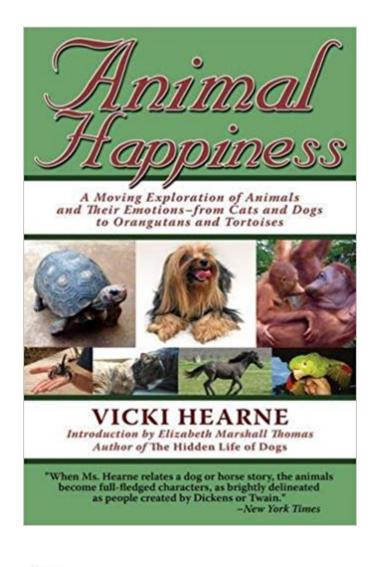


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# Animal Happiness: A Moving Exploration Of Animals And Their Emotions





### Synopsis

A New York Times Notable Book of 1994! Highly respected author, philosopher, and animal trainer Vicki Hearne offers a treasure trove of animal anecdotes, all written in her unique and poetic style. Through entertaining stories about cats, horses, an ornamental carp, a scorpion, and tortoises, Hearne focuses on how each of these various creatures experiences happiness in its own special way. She takes issue with Ludwig Wittgenstein on lions and language, discusses the naming of pets, and considers the process of mourning a loved dogâ <sup>™</sup>s death.

### **Book Information**

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First there will not be more books. We have all of Vicki Hearne we will get and her originality and profound interest in how language is understood and shared is a small part of mankind's written library. This is a quirky book and is intended to adjust those who experience cross species conversation and interest to those who have an interest in the sharing. Silly, whimsy, and arguments of justice are part of her writing in general and with these short pieces there may be more focus on a particular mood. Work that will push the world of appearance to move what it "knows" to accept the

entrance of information that clearly has a different viewpoint is rare. Surprise and the touch of an earnest mind is worth the time and in this case not even much money.

I just re-read this book after many years and it holds up. This book gives one side of an important debate that is going on, a side that isn't heard from as often as it should be.People who work with domestic animals have a different language to discuss and a different philosophy about what they are doing than people who talk about them in the fields of philosophy and the behavioral sciences.Vicki Hearne was a member of both communities. In this book, she articulates the views of those who work with animals and makes their case. She does so strongly and beautifully and she does not kowtow to the authority of academia.It is probably very important to read Adam's Task, by the same author, to fully appreciate this book. I am re-reading it at the moment and will review it soon.

This is a meaty little book that needs to be savored and digested slowly. Hearne tosses out philosophical questions and possible answers, along with wonderful anecdotes of the horses, dogs, and other animals in her life to illustrate her point.

It is just stories of certain personalities of a certain animals. I learned nothing from it. It was very boring so i didn't read the entire book. I have NEVER thrown a book away, but i might start with this book.

This collection is the place to meet Vicki Hearne. It demonstrates her strengths and weaknesses, and it foreshadows the more controversial elements in her other books (Adam's Task and Bandit). Animal Happiness covers a lot of ground, from the whimsical "Josephine Trainer" advice columns to a challenging meditation on the Book of Job. She sheds alternate light on a number of kneejerk ideas, including the meaning of the word "kindness" and the nature of "animal rights." I frequently disagree with her, but it's refreshing to argue with someone who isn't just spouting counter-platitudes, and when she is right, she is sharply, crisply right. If the essays don't engage your interest, then don't bother with Adam's Task or Bandit. Adam's Task is one of the best books about training I've ever read, but it's a spicy dish, not for every palate.

This book took me forever to read. It is long, drawn out and tedious. Also, the author is a quack, I think.

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