



Finding

LUCY

by Ellen Kohn

Interspecies communication is a wonderful means of connecting with our beloved animal companions. It provides valuable information to pet owners who want to learn more about their animal's feelings and emotions, as well as their health and well being. Some communicators offer a service to track lost animals, which can be very comforting to both the animals and to their people. Communicators can stay more neutral in a crisis, therefore providing support to help mitigate the fear and panic which ensues. The following is a true story which took place last fall in Colorado.

It was a brittle afternoon in Evergreen, Colorado. The three day October snowstorm was brutal, accumulating over two feet in our mountain community. Temperatures were hovering around zero, well below the average for that month. Late on a Wednesday afternoon, I received a desperate call from a client who explained that her dear friend's dog, Lucy, had run off in the snow storm. She disappeared down Bear Mountain in three feet of snow, dragging her retractable leash and harness.

Later that afternoon, I learned that Joyce was watching Lucy and her brother Luke while her son and daughter-in-law visited Japan for three months. These shy siblings were rescue dogs who had arrived at Joyce's house from California only three days earlier. Unfamiliar with their new surroundings and the weather, these dogs were clearly out of their element. To make matters worse, Lucy's short coat offered little protection against the harsh winter elements. So Lucy was in a strange neighborhood, cold and frightened. And now she was lost.

When I first communicated with Lucy, she sent me a picture of a fire station in another town called Kittredge. Lucy said she was alive, but terrified. I phoned Joyce to ask her if Lucy could possibly be in that area. Joyce explained that the back of Bear Mountain where Lucy disappeared does connect to Kittredge. I suggested that she put pictures and flyers up around the fire house and in the vet's office nearby. It gave Joyce hope to know that Lucy had connected to me. The search was on.

The next communication with Lucy was verbal. She told me that she was on the run, very scared and that no one could catch her. When I asked her what she was seeing, she replied, "barns and outbuildings." She said she was hungry, but unhurt and still alive. Joyce was doubtful about whether Lucy was still alive after two days, but she held fast to this information, which I felt was clear. We both wanted to believe that Lucy was alive.

Communications with Lucy continued for 3 days. I kept hearing that she was alive. I told Lucy that many people were out looking for her, that Joyce really wanted to get her home and that her brother Luke was also getting very worried. I reassured her that I was available any time to hear her words, receive her pictures and sense her emotions.

By Saturday, the snow had begun to thaw. We were hopeful that someone would spot Lucy and call Joyce's phone number, which was posted all over Evergreen and Kittredge. The weather was much warmer and we felt encouraged that Lucy might venture out from the areas she was hiding. I saw one final picture from Lucy of her running down the main road in Kittredge. The location was clear and precise.



Late in the afternoon I received a call that Lucy had been found! A woman spotted her on the road that Lucy had sent me visually. She had received an email with Lucy's picture, but did not have the phone number with her. She turned around to go home, and saw the poster behind her with Joyce's phone number.

Unsure if Lucy would stay around, the woman and her friend went up the driveway where Lucy ran. It was a 2 mile driveway, but they stayed put. When Joyce arrived 20 minutes later, she spotted a dog up on the deck. She spoke to the owner and said, "I think I have found my lost dog, but she is very afraid." Concerned that Lucy would take off, Joyce approached slowly. Lucy did not recognize Joyce until Joyce dropped to her knees and said, "Lucy, it's me."

Lucy was completely exhausted, smelled like manure and needed lots of sleep. It took several weeks, but Lucy did recuperate. Her trust in Joyce grew immensely, and she spent the next months enjoying the Colorado winter. But Joyce never forgot the synchronicity of events that led to Lucy's rescue. The web of emails, posters, phone calls and search teams were

all tied to a miraculous moment when a stranger spotted her running on the road.

Finding lost animals is a tremendous service that animal communicators can offer to the animals, and to their owners. The teamwork gives them hope, and the animals can really feel the connection and hope it gives them to overcome their fear. It does make a difference to the pet owners and animals. Joyce wrote, "When Ellen said, I think she is alive I felt the most incredible relief - called hope. Somewhere in my spirit, I knew that to be true. The hard part was holding on to that truth as the days went by and Lucy didn't return. Faith came in waves, but all the incredible support, love and prayers carried the hope that sustained us until it was time for our miracle."

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