

Interspecies Communication and Telepathy with a Language-Using Parrot

Results:

Research in interspecies communication and documentation of the language use and telepathic abilities of the parrot N'Kisi has continued. We have made more breakthroughs in his language skills, and progress in our various research studies. During the project term, N'Kisi's contextual vocabulary increased from 1025 to 1286 words. He has also created original sentences with complex grammatical structure. N'Kisi has created thousands of novel sentences, and many were captured with our new recording system.

While N'Kisi's rate of learning new words has been fairly stable, his rate of spontaneous telepathy is more variable. As I learned during an analysis of possible incidents the first year, it had declined, and was not sufficiently robust to conduct more controlled studies. To gain more information, I undertook a comprehensive analysis of possible spontaneous incidents from daily logs. Incidents in 16 categories of potential telepathic response based on the type of stimulus or circumstance were analyzed by category and year, to study any notable patterns.

During this time I finished researching and installing a new camera set-up, after testing and trouble-shooting a range of equipment and software. I also devised, improved, tested, and implemented procedures for data acquisition and recording, and refined and prepared further research protocols. I then carried out a program of filming, with some notable incidents and possible spontaneous telepathy, which we will be working to transcribe and analyze. I also worked on a special featuring our work for Discovery Channel /Animal Planet, Jane Goodall's When Animals Talk.

Published work:

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