A few years ago, my house was inhabited by three children and six pets. Guess which were the most colorful members of the family?

Our pets are with us for a purpose. Once we understand the reasons they are in our lives, we will best know how to care for them and be cared for by them.

In this article I am going to first explore the peculiar dispositions of the six pets I just mentioned. Besides offering entertainment, this overview will segue to the figuring of your pet’s “personal energetic signature,” the summarization of the traits that make them distinct beings. Additional insights are presented in my recently released book, *Energy Wellness for Pets*.1 After learning how to configure a pet’s signature in this article, you can apply the process to any pet — your own or a client’s.

The easiest way for me to portray the spectacular personalities and purposes of the six mentioned pets is to portray the activities of a single day a few years ago. On this particular day, every one of my pet companions decided to assert their particular signature, starting with Max, the guinea pig.

Max was the house manager. As such, he believed it was his job to assert authority over the other animals. For instance, he might cluck if Honey the Golden Retriever was eating a kid’s lunch without permission. He might also visit me in my dreams to point out other pets’ needs or failings, as well as my own. On the day I am describing, he began clanging at the cage vehemently. Sadly, it took me a while to pay attention, as I had a few other tasks to attend to, like making a living, folding clothes and tending to my foster daughter’s most recent romantic disaster. Finally, I stood near Max’s cage and intuitively tuned into his demand.

The image sent by Max was of Wilma, the Huge Turtle. Oh no! I realized. I had forgotten to put her back in the aquarium.

Wilma was so ornery that I often let her wander around the house, hoping to wear out her wickedness so she would stop picking on Willie the Diminutive Turtle. With that, I thanked Max and stuck Wilma back in her watery home. She hissed at me and Willie seemed to sigh.

Max stopped banging on the cage but then starting chirping. Obviously, there was more pet care to perform.

I discovered that Coco’s right ear flap was swollen. Coco was a blind and deaf chocolate Labrador who
had arrived the same day as Honey the Golden Retriever as a puppy. I have actually owned a few Honey-type-dogs. They were all afflicted with doggie-ADHD and had the ability to unlatch doors and escape at will. Coco had been abandoned on a freeway and the rescuers were going to put her down unless she found a home. And so, Coco arrived at my house.

I should not have been surprised at Coco’s ailment. Honey had immediately surmised Coco’s condition and assigned himself the task of being Coco’s guide dog. From day one, he would lead Coco around the house and backyard by her ears, making sure Coco got everywhere she needed to get. Apparently (said Max the guinea pig), Honey’s recent shepherding had been too strident and Coco’s ear had become inflamed. Because of Max’s insistence, I was able to take Coco to the veterinarian to have her ear surgically repaired.

Of course, while waiting for the surgery to finish, Johnny the Cat, who escaped because of Honey’s finesse with doors, decided to tussle with a coyote. Max let me know as soon as I got home and off to the vet I went again.

Every single one of my former pets danced to their own rhythm. But they were more than flamboyant and showy personalities. All pets have souls, and because of this, they arrive in our lives to express their own karma and dharma and assist us with our own.

Karma is a Hindu term that refers to our life lessons, which mainly relate to what we have yet to figure out about love. Dharma, also a Hindu concept, constitutes what we know about goodness and can put into practice. We assess a pet’s karma or dharma and reckon how it relates to our own by constructing their personal energetic signature.

An energetic signature is a subtle energy code or imprint. A pet’s personal imprint is determined by three different set of codes, described as follows:

1. **Categorical codes.** This code is defined by a pet’s membership in a pet category. The categories are mammals, rodents, birds, reptiles, arthropods, amphibians and aquatic fish.

2. **Species codes.** Each of the seven categorical groups breaks into different species, which reflect specific character traits.

3. **Personal codes.** Every soul has undergone a distinctive set of experiences. These interactions have created a personal code, which is a complicated mix of karma, dharma, personality quirks and life experiences.

Is there a certain pet that stands out in your mind — one you would like to assess? It does not matter if the pet is still alive or not. If that pet was or is still important, you can benefit from a deeper understanding of that pet’s true nature. Simply grab a piece of paper and pencil and let me walk you through the following process.

**Categorical Code**
Each of the seven presented categories of pets is imbued with its own qualities. These are reflected in all members of these groupings. It is important to know that a pet is working on these issues and is not necessarily proficient yet. For instance, all birds are here to learn about freedom. They might be new or far along in this lesson plan — and the same with us. If we have a bird, at some level, our bird companion is asking us to analyze our own relationship with freedom.

Consider the category of pet you are assessing and

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take note of the key qualities ascribed to each grouping before moving on to the next assessment stage.

**Mammals:** Tribal, loving  
**Rodents:** Details, focus  
**Birds:** Freedom, transcendence  
**Reptiles:** Survival, transformation  
**Arthropods:** Destiny, dream-shifting (the ability to move between realms)  
**Amphibians:** Flow, being grounded  
**Aquatic Fish:** Inspiration, luck

**Species Codes**

Within each category of pets are various species. Each of these relates to yet another set of teachings. A pet can, however, demonstrate either the positive or negative sides of the specie’s characteristics or some of both. For instance, pigs are gifted with intelligence and a prosperity consciousness; that is, unless they become self-righteous and excessive. Knowing how far along your pet is at reflecting the beneficial species code will help you support their gains. And guess what? Near the end of the article, you will also be figuring out how far along you are, too.

A rendering of the most popular pet species is below. Finally, you can take into account the following area of interest.

**Your Pet’s Personal Codes**

Anyone who has engaged with individuals from the same species can testify that they are not completely alike. Of the two turtles introduced in this article, Wilma was Amazonian. Willie was shy. My Honey-dogs have always been rowdy and my Labradors as friendly and cuddly as can be.

In order to figure out your pet’s personal codes, you will have to do some deep diving on your own. See what you come up with when by answering the following questions:

- What history did my pet bring into this lifetime from past lives?
- What experiences did my pet bring into my home, such as from birth or its parentage?

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Figuring Out Your Pet’s Energetic Signature

• What dharma does my pet seem to be displaying? To assist you in responding to this question, I have summarized the typical “dharmic purposes.”
  - Physical Dharma: Pet is very primal, physical and active.
  - Emotional Dharma: Pet meets the emotional needs of self and others.
  - Mental Dharma: Pet is keenly intelligent and responsive to ideas.
  - Relational Dharma: Pet is all about relationship and love, often serving as a healer.
  - Communicative Dharma: Pet is communicative, expressive and heeds verbal communications.
  - Visual Dharma: Pet is devoted to the visual aspect of life and is usually clairvoyant.
  - Spiritual Dharma: Pet is spiritually attuned and serves as a channel for spiritual truths.
  - Mystical Dharma: Pet is a mini-shaman. It is psychic and senses the presence of spirits and negative and positive energies.
  - Harmonic Dharma: Pet helps everyone get along.

• What are my pet’s unique personality quirks? The following list of traits will get you started.

• What physical characteristics cause my pet to act in certain ways? For instance, how does a dog’s breeding impact it? How about the pet’s size, coloration, injuries or special needs?

Okay, let us put it all together! I will help you summarize your responses to arrive at two main assessments. The first regards your pet. The second applies to you.

Describe Your Pet

Return to everything you have recorded and summarize the main points about your pet. You can follow this example.

As a note, my example is written for my current Honey the Golden Retriever. Because of this, I am using present-tense verbs. If you are analyzing a deceased pet, you would use past-tense verbs. After summing up the pet description, you will gauge what it still needs (or needed) to work on to realize its potential.

Who Is Honey?

Honey is warm, loving and loyal (categorical and species codes). He believes in connection, unless separated from his Labrador friend (personal, karma). He is communicative (dharma) and has learned how to pause and think about his actions (personal, experiences). He exhibits only active traits, loves to move and seems very self-aware and mentally smart (personal, personality).

Must Work On: Honey needs to learn how to trust himself even when his Labrador friend is not around.

Describe Yourself: Now use the gathered data to

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analyze yourself in comparison to your pet. Following is my example, which covers all the factors I used with Honey. I also add a conclusion. (Know that if comparing yourself to a deceased pet, you can still use present-tense verbs; after all, you are still here!)

Who Is Cyndi?

Like Honey, Cyndi is warm, loving and loyal. She is primarily a connector, unless she feels separated from the Spirit. Like Honey, she is a dharmic communicator and often performs self-assessment while offering care to others. Unlike Honey, she exhibits both active and passive personality traits, but shares much of Honey’s passion toward life, though she can also be introverted. Like Honey, she is extremely self-aware, but is also quite mental and loves data.

Must Work On: Cyndi shares several qualities with Honey but needs to work more on her relationship with Spirit while making time for her introversion not only extroversion.

Know that you can assess any and all your pets using this simple formula and encourage a client to do the same. As most of us have already realized, there is nothing more loving than a pet — no love more true, fine and healing.

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