Animals we’ve known as personal FRIENDS

- Scotty
- L’l River
- Mandy
- Jean & Panya
- Suzy
- Akela & Rakshi
- Big Bratar
- Banu
- Oscar Otter
- Zoe & Rory
- Molly Opossum

Resources for further study

- Theologians who agree: Graham, Criswell, Walvoord, McGee, Van Impe, C.S. Lewis, and many others ....

- “General Deliverance”: John Wesley’s classic study on Romans 8:19-22 & the resurrection of God’s animals.

- HEAVEN, by R. Alcorn

- more listed online

PLEASE PRAY FOR US:
* I’m writing a book on this subject, & soon I’ll upload an initial article on the website with ....

... LOTS of Soul-Stories about the many wild, exotic, & domestic animals we’ve known & loved as close FRIENDS & will see again!

YES your PETS will enter Eternity!

- MANDY leopard who saved my life
- SCOTTY my Service Dog Assistant
- L’l RIVER raccoon who recued me

You can be with them together-forever with their Good Shepherd Creator?

John 10:1-13

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YES your PETS will go to Heaven! ➔

BUT THE REAL QUESTION IS ➔

➔Will YOU be there with them?
**PAST: His Creation was GOOD**

**SUFFERING & Survival of the Fittest are NOT God’s Way!**

God’s original creation (even for HIS nephesh animals) was NOT the current, violent process of selfish competition, pain, fear, suffering, and death.

“… and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every creature that moves on the earth which has life [nephesh], I have given every green PLANT for food”; and it was so.” Gen. 1:30

The freewill sin of man and angels caused a partial separation between our Holy Creator and His fallen creation, resulting in the suffering we all now endure.

“**Nephesh**” is the biblical Hebrew term for “soul” - meaning a creature that can think and feel. It’s used for BOTH humans and vertebrate animals (Genesis 1:20-21; 2:7; 2:19; 9:12; 9:16, etc.). Yet, the Bible describes humans as being different as able to know the creation of matter/energy, the creation of nephesh animals (NOT plants since they don’t have nephesh – see below), then 3rd for the special creation of humans in the image/character of God.

* Please note that plants and many other simple organisms like bacteria, sponges, and apparently many others, do not have the neurological or nephesh capacity even to think or feel. So they cannot suffer. They are like our modern mini-mechanical drones that engineers are now developing. Of course, God’s bio-bots are organic, far more complex, and were originally designed to facilitate ecological harmony in His “very good” creation (Genesis 1:31). But some have devolved by mutation & now cause disorder and disease.

**ORIGIN** – How & why do you exist?

**SUFFERING** – WHY, if God is “good”?

**FUTURE** – Where will you go after death?

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**PRESENT: They matter to GOD**

**“Will our beloved pets be in Heaven?”**

With tears of grief, many people ask me this question. It’s a very personal question for me because as a youth and young adult my animal friends saved me from suicidal anxiety and depression many times. In fact, they helped lead me to God’s love and a new life of peace and joy through the Good Shepherd, Christ.

**CRUEL IS NEVER COOL**

“ask the animals, they will teach you: …that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the soul [nephesh] of every living thing & the breath of all mankind.”

Job 12:7-10

“A righteous person cares for the life (nephesh =soul) of his animal, but the kindness of the wicked is cruel.”

Proverbs 12:10

Graduate school, while completing a master’s degree in psychology & counseling, sparked a 30 year study for me on what the Bible, theological scholars, & science say about animals, souls, and the possibility of life after death for them. Now, after three decades as a zookeeper, emergency veterinary assistant, rescuer & rehabilitator for the Dept. of Wildlife, Christian seminary-trained family counselor, Bible Study leader, & honors biology science teacher - I’m convinced the answer is clearly, YES!

The evidence (especially in God’s Word, the Bible) shows that He will embrace HIS “nephesh” animals into HIS coming New Heaven and New Earth. This full “gospel” (good news) of Christ reveals our Creator’s compassionate love and goodness to be infinitely better than most people realize!

**FUTURE: He’s the Rescuer:**

“For, I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the anxious longing of the creatures [animals], waits eagerly for the revealing of the children of God [at Christ’s 2nd coming]. For the creature was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creature itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For, we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only them, but we also …”

Romans 8:18-22

“... the wolf will lay down with the lamb, ... the lion will eat straw like the ox ... they will not hurt or destroy in all my Holy Mountain, for the Earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD.”

Isaiah 11:6-10

**THIS PAMPHLET IS ONLY A BRIEF INTRODUCTION:**

If you want to examine MORE for yourself, then checkout the GSI website resources. If you have questions about anything, feel free to email me.