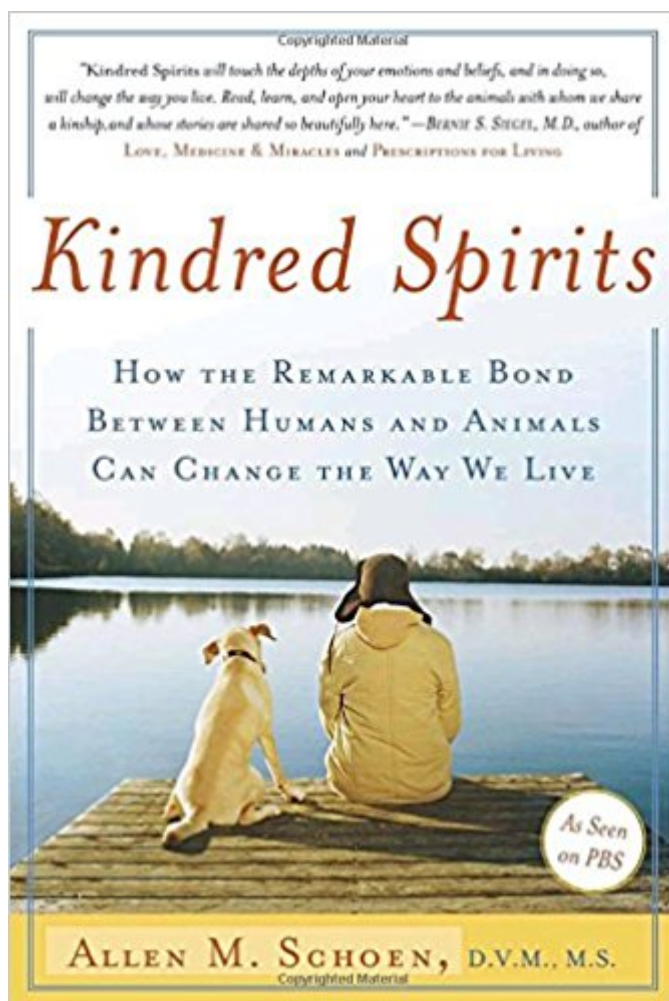


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# Kindred Spirits: How The Remarkable Bond Between Humans And Animals Can Change The Way We Live



## Synopsis

Treating animals just as any healer would treat human beings, Allen Schoen has become one of America's most celebrated veterinarians. *Kindred Spirits* shares the transformative power of his remarkable methods, explores how alternative healing is revolutionizing his profession, and, in the tradition of James Herriot, shares heartwarming stories of animals and their caretakers who have deeply enriched each other's lives. Through moving scenes such as an ailing German shepherd who fights to stay alive so he can assist and comfort his ailing human companion, Schoen details the ways in which the human-animal bond can provide a wellspring of love and support, and outlines his own special prescription for improving the care we give our animals through adopting simple healing practices at home. A remarkable new synthesis of science and spirit, *Kindred Spirits* at last reveals the many ways our animal friends can help us lead happier, healthier, more fulfilling lives.

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Invoking the "mystical, magical, or metaphysical" aspects of our relationships with animals, veterinarian Schoen (*Love, Miracles and Animal Healing*) recounts his dawning awareness of amazing acts of courage and compassion by animals toward both their human companions and one another. Early in his career, his golden retriever, Megan, came to act as his "ecumenical guide" and veterinary assistant, responding to the distress of an injured lamb, kitten or cow--or panicked human onlookers--with loving licks. In an engaging work that is part memoir, part argument for a more

holistic approach to veterinary medicine, this "left-brained" man of science tells how he gradually learned to observe and respond to an animal's emotional state, as well as to the physical needs he was trained to focus on. Since then, with Megan's help, he has learned to care for animals on both levels, and has incorporated alternative medicine into his practice. While a growing number of books espouse our interrelationship with animals and attempt to change our attitude of superiority, this account is distinguished by Schoen's fresh voice and seamless writing. "As we learn more about our connections to animals, we will consider them our heart," Schoen believes. "More than anything else on this earth, animals have the facility to make sure we remain connected to our deepest feelings.... Always remember: Do unto all animals as you would do unto yourself." Agent, Richard Pine. (Feb. 6)Forecast: Blurbs by Andrew Weil and Bernie Siegel make this book catnip for the legions of holistic healing enthusiasts. More potent still will be Schoen's appearances on pledge drives for PBS affiliates, as well as a 20-city radio satellite tour and eight-city author tour. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Schoen, a pioneer in alternative therapies since 1981, is a founder and director of the Center for Integrative Animal Health. Here he follows *Love, Miracles and Animal Healing*, his first book for lay audiences, and expands readers' awareness of veterinary acupuncture, chiropractic, homeopathy, and other complementary approaches. *Kindred Spirits* covers the benefits of the human-animal bond; seven ways to foster a spiritual bond with your animal; wellness approaches, such as diet therapy and preventing and treating cancer the natural way; finding veterinary support; and how to let go when there is nothing further that can be done. An extensive appendix of resources is included. As with human medicine, alternative therapies are becoming more popular in the veterinary field. This readable, engaging book, filled with many anecdotal stories, should be enjoyed by anyone who is concerned about providing quality healthcare and creating a bond with their pets. DEdell M. Schaefer, Brookfield P.L., WI Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

We recently lost our dear cat, Oliver. I found this book on the suggested readings list at the local crematory, where we took Oliver. Dr. Schoen helped me understand the special bond I shared with Oliver and still share with our remaining cat, Olivia. The book also helped understand my grief and guilt and how to deal with it. Dr. Schoen is a truly amazing human being! I would suggest this book to any and all pet owners! I plan on reading his other books!

His book, "Love, Miracles, and Animal Healing," was so wonderful I didn't think even he could top that. But this book takes animals and their persons to the next level. He has opened the door to all, including other veterinarians, of the depth and sense of community we have with all our animals. I believe - no, I know that animals have emotions just like us - and that their unconditional love links them to us as only soul mates can!

I have not finished reading Allen Schoen's book, but have enjoyed it immensely so far. It is an insight into the life of a vet, but especially for Allen having to overcome so many prejudices towards the way most of the people he was working with looked at animals and showed little empathy towards them. Having read his earlier book, Love, Miracles, and Animal Healing I wanted to learn more from this amazing man. His interaction with animals he treats is amazing, and for anyone who loves animals I highly recommend this book.

read it cover to cover in a nanosecond. covers many areas of the human-animal bond and recognizes the significance and symbolism therein. lovely book and a great read, a great gift, etc. a bit sad in parts, but that is the reality of loving and losing, eh? good seller communications and fast shipping. thank you; i enjoyed this book a lot and it's a keeper! also it was in MINT condition tho i think it was advertised as 'like new' so i was pleasantly surprised.

I wish Dr. Schoen (which means 'nice' in German) was my little collective's caretaker. He has a lot of experience and openness to a wealth of traditional, reeeeeeeally traditional, and non-traditional health information. I think this book serves as an excellent introduction to alternative approaches for a variety of human-animal exchanges. My pets (and when I use the term 'pet', I mean animal companion) and I are always looking for someone to tell us we're not crazy to understand each others' miscellaneous languages and other communications. Dr. Schoen, the nice vet, would understand. ;-)

A must read for anyone working, living with animals, and it should grow your appreciation for all and the world around us. The author, a vet, provides his life time experiences in his words in living and dealing with various animals and people and his own personal growth over time.

Awesome book that explores the bond between animals and humans written by a vet - thought

provoking!

I recommend this for anyone wanting to expand their horizons about the potential for human-animal relationships. The real-life stories were inspiring and insightful and Dr. Schoen's vast experiences give credibility to the wisdom of his beliefs and suggestions.

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