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THE ANIMAL FAMILIARS



Many Wiccans believe that the spirit living within an animal is what makes it capable to serve as one's spiritual guide. These animal familiars are those that feel different somehow. They are just more aware and just so much smarter. They may come in the form of a cat, mouse, ferret, hare, bat, snake, dog, raven or crow. The most well-known familiars are the black cat and black dog.

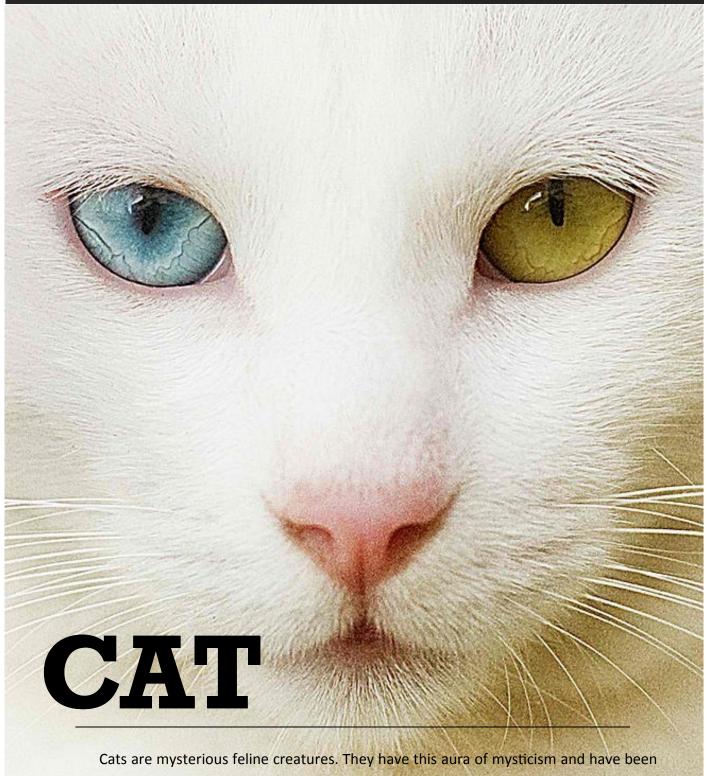
Animal familiars are fellow travelers on the physical realm. They are spirits that are drawn to us because we are familiar to them and vice versa. We are drawn together. The animals more extraordinarily are our sensitive and exceptionally aware counterparts to a higher existence. They are us without any arrogance and reasoning. They were sent here to keep an eye on us and keep company. Thev are our intelligent companions.

Many modern witches use animals when working with magick. They make use of their basic instincts and psychic abilities to forge a better connection with nature and deities. Animals are highly sensitive to psychic power and vibrations and are instantaneously welcomed into the magick circle when power is being raised or spells are being cast.

Animals help in scrying, divination and communing with the spirits. They also act as psychic guards and are fierce defenders for they react to negative forces and energy.

Animal familiars cannot be forced to be present in a ritual. They are there because they want to be. Though never taking the place of the athame or a candle, they act as the wise guides that have access to both the physical and spiritual realm.





Cats are mysterious feline creatures. They have this aura of mysticism and have been for centuries linked to all matters occult. When a witch and cat work together, they create magic that is extremely powerful. A bond that forms between a cat and a human translates to a lifelong alliance. Having a cat familiar to assist you in your magick will double the power of your spells. You should speak with your cat familiar about anything and you can be certain that your familiar will not betray your trust. You will learn some things about about magick from a cat that you would not from any witch.

HISTORY

Cats in ancient Egypt were worshipped and seen as the embodiment of the gods. The Egyptian goddess Bast is part cat and part human. Sacrifices would be made to her to insure her blessings.

This practice of honoring cats soon reached Greece, Asia and the rest of Europe. Cat familiars have been helping witches for thousands of years. In the mid 1500's, cats were recognized as the archetypal familiar for all witches. And therefore they also became synonymous with witches with evil workings.

TRAITS

Cats are creatures of habit that must have their own sacred space where they can sleep, dream and eat. When a cat enters a new home, it will check to make sure it is safe before it gets comfortable. They also love a bowl of cream at the same time each day, cat food, and water by her side. Cats need to be stroked and given attention.

They love attention!

One thing you must remember is that just as with all familiars, you don't choose the cat, the cat chooses you. If you wish to take a cat as your familiar, you must ask



their permission first. As soon as the cat chooses you, you should give the cat a magickal name. Your cat familiar is your lifelong friend.

Cats are very loyal and serve their owners well. They will help you perform powerful magick and spells. If you forget which ingredient to use in a spell, your cat familiar will look through your herbs and place her paw on the ingredient you need. Cats will also guide the witch when going in and out of the spiritual and physical world.



MAGICK

A cat is a great assistant to any witch or wizard when it comes to performing magick. Cats themselves can perform a variety of spells. They are highly intuitive and have an unparalleled sixth sense.

Cats are good companions when you make your magic potions, are very helpful in divination, and enjoy working with the energy within a casted circle.

All of this does not come easy especially at the beginning. As a witch, you should train the cat to be keen on earthly visitors, ghosts, and spirits, and let you know who are good and bad, and chase away the bad spirits. It should reach a point where you can communicate with your cat telepathically. It will reach a point where your cat familiar can let you know what is going on in the outside world and if there are any changes that you should be aware of. the cat can also call or chase away unwanted spirits.

You should also get in the habit of being grateful for your cat familiar's assistance. Treats are always good. Catnip is always good.

FROG

Frogs and Toads are amphibian creatures of the order 'Anura', meaning 'without a tai.' They are found on all continents except Antarctica.

Frogs have long been associated with witchcraft, medicine, birth, and death. Frogs undergo one major transformation during their lives, that being from tadpole to full adult. Frogs also regularly shed their skins as they grow. This is why many cultures consider frogs and toads as symbolic of rebirth and metamorphosis.

The frog is a symbol of spiritual awakening and you coming into full bloom and fully realizing your personal power.

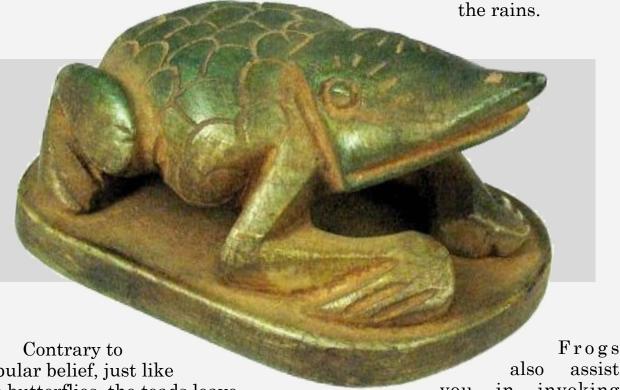
Symbolism

What the frog reminds us is to not to become bogged down by daily grind and become the cynical. It tells us not to take our souls for granted. If you have recently had a frog come into your life it might be a sign that you need to get in touch with your feelings.

Spell work

With all the symbolism of the frog, if it turns out to be your familiar, then consider yourself lucky. The frog will inspire you to take on its positive traits.

In magickal workings, frogs can be used to invoke rainv weather. Born of water their voices have the ability to call forth



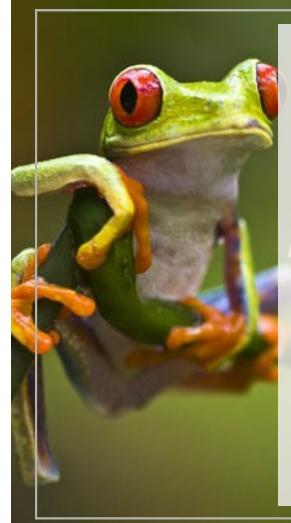
popular belief, just like the butterflies, the toads leave any place that is polluted and toxic. So in a way, they teach you how small changes in how we deal with the environment can have a powerful impact. Frogs draw out and inspire environmentalism in us.

When the frog jumps into your life, it may also be a sign that it is a about time to be open to opportunities for change.

in invoking you emotions that are associated with water. Which means if you are closing yourself off as a means of defense, the frogs will help you open up spiritually.

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This will result in much stronger and powerful spells. If you listen closely, the frogs will teach you the secrets of the land and how to rid an environment of negative energy.



MISCONCEPTION

In the Middle Ages, the frog gained a horrible reputation. It went from being a symbol of creation to a manifestation of evil. Associated with witches, they were thought to be carriers of all sorts of evil and mischief. In early Christianity, they were referred to as the agents of the devil. And the fact that they resided in swamps and stagnant pools was used by the church to highlight the power of consecrated holy water to cleanse and rid any space of negative energy and evil spirits.

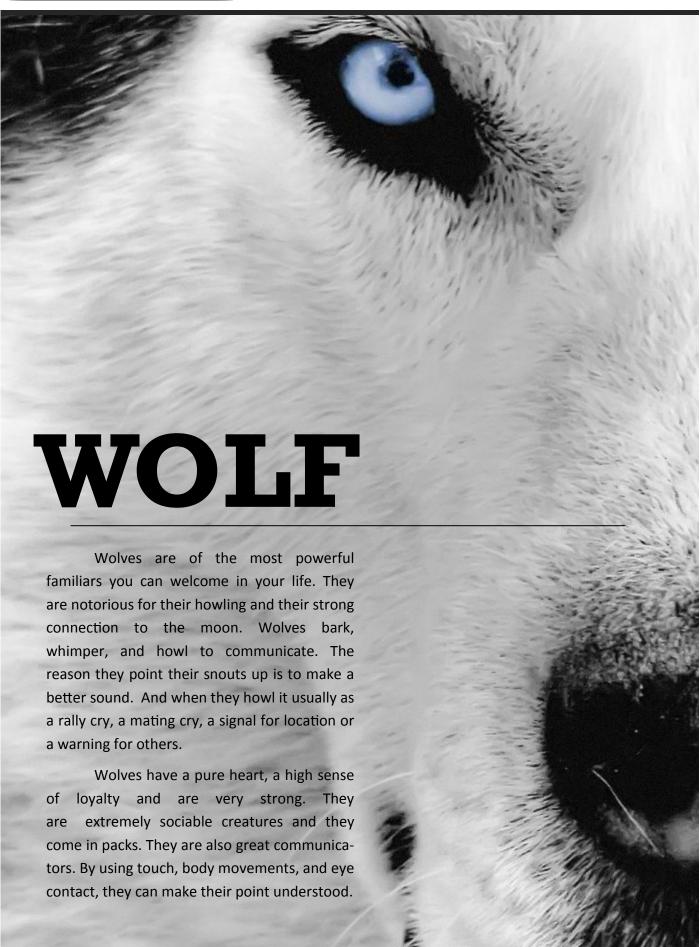
The frog is also seen as a symbol of death. It was considered bad luck to kill a frog, for they were believed to house the souls of dead children.

MYTHOLOGY

The frog is the animal totem of the frog-shaped goddess of fertility and childbirth, Hecate. So if you feel a strong connection with Hecate, then the frog just might be your familiar.

The people then would place frog shaped knives on the bellies of pregnant women and newborn babies as a protection. Pieces of a frog's body were also used as aphrodisiacs to help with impotence and boost fertility. A frog's liver was believed to be the antidote to all poisons. Hallucinogenic compounds could also be derived from toads and are used by many Shaman traditions in their religious rituals to communicate with the spirit world.





COMMON TRAITS

The wolf will make itself known to you in many ways like hearing their howls and picturing them in head. Are mental images of wolves cropping up in your head? Then it probably means the wolf is your familiar. Those who have wolves as familiars hold the same qualities as the wolves.



MYTHOLOGY

The Celts considered the wolf as a source of lunar power. The Celtic goddess Morrighan is sometimes depicted as a wolf.

In Norse mythology, Fenrir was a great wolf who was so powerful and strong that no one could hold him down. The gods feared and struggled to restrain

him. Finally, they made use of a silk ribbon especially made and fortified by the dwarves to tie him down. Fenrir tried with all his might but could not break away from the ribbon. Tyr placed his hand in Fenrir's mouth and it got bitten off in the struggle. He then became known as the "Leavings of the Wolf" and the one-handed warrior god. This just shows the immense strength a wolf has.



Having the wolf as your will find familiar, you vourself having much a stronger sense of loyalty and vou will notice an increase in intelligence and awareness, with a certain playfulness that goes with it. The wolf will encourage you to speak the truth and only the truth in your spell casting, which will help with effectiveness of your spells. The wolf teaches you to take calculated risks.

Wolves will also help you sharpen your senses. They will teach you how to listen and be highly observant of your surroundings. They will teach you to trust your intuition. Wolves are also guardians and any witch who is under the tutelage of wolf is a well-protected.

The more you work with the wolf in your magick and spell casting, the more you will find yourself taking on their traits.

Discovering And Connecting With Your Familiar

It should be so easy to connect with your familiar, right? Wrong. Making a connection with animals is just another way to bring us even closer to nature, therefore there is a certain state of peace of mind you should reach before you can do this successfully.

Connecting with your familiar, spirit animal, or spirit guide lets you take on their instincts. That means you can have their level of keen sense of perception, psychic sense, plus other gifts they have. Familiars have special powers of their own that will be of big help to you in your magick. Combining the worlds of the spirit guides and the humans forms a magickal consciousness that opens the portals to other realms. The magick that you do is not just in the physical world, it will cross over to the astral plane. Connecting with your familiar means you have something that gives you support, guidance, wisdom, special knowledge, and physical healing.

If you already have a pet, you may just strengthen your psychic connection with it. If an animal makes an appearance in your life out of nowhere or in your meditation and dreams, then that could be your familiar. An animals that shows itself to you is an animal that is psychically drawn to you.

You may connect with your familiar through meditation or divination. To do this, you need to find a quiet place where no one can disturb you. Stay focused in your intent to meet an animal companion.

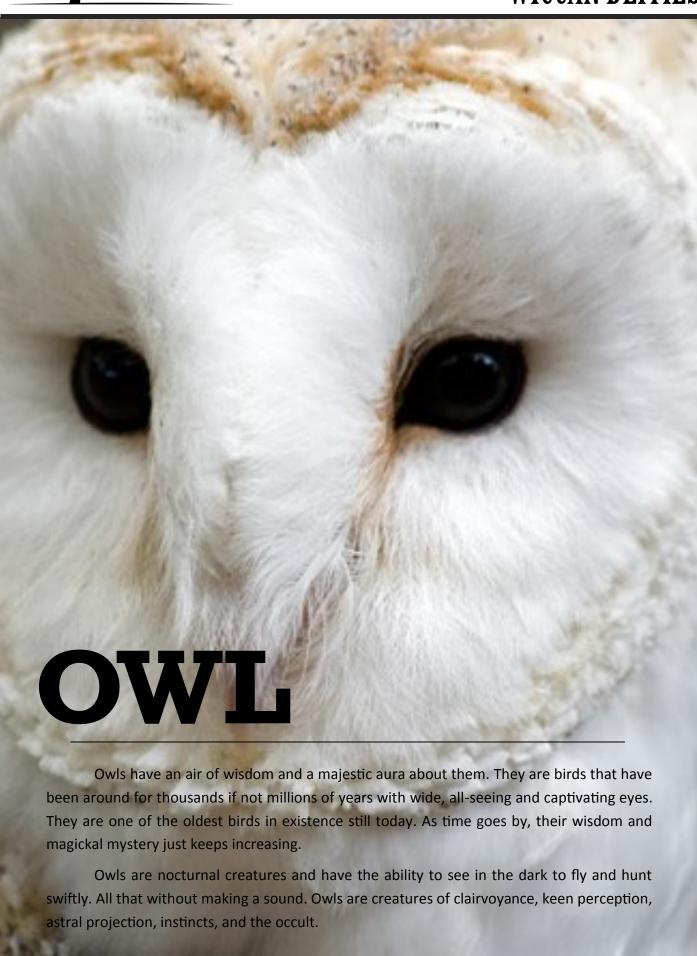
On the night of the New Moon, put apple blossoms, dried pomegranate seeds and snake root in a bottle. Pour in sweet almond oil and jojoba oil. Let it infuse till the night of the Full Moon. Strain the oil. Dress your candles with the oil. This is the oil you will be using for meditation and spell work every time you want to connect with your familiar.

Now get out and be with nature. Go to a garden, a grassy area, or a park. Start relaxing your body and your mind. Let go of all the negative thoughts in your mind. Picture a body of water like a lake or a river. Imagine yourself dropping your problems, worries, and anxieties in there.

Visualize scenery in nature, like a forest. Be conscious of any animal that appears in it. Watch it closely. If it comes near you or tries to communicate with you, communicate with your mind. Do this until you feel that you are done. Once you are done, don't forget to say thanks to the familiar. Begin your exit from the astral plane.

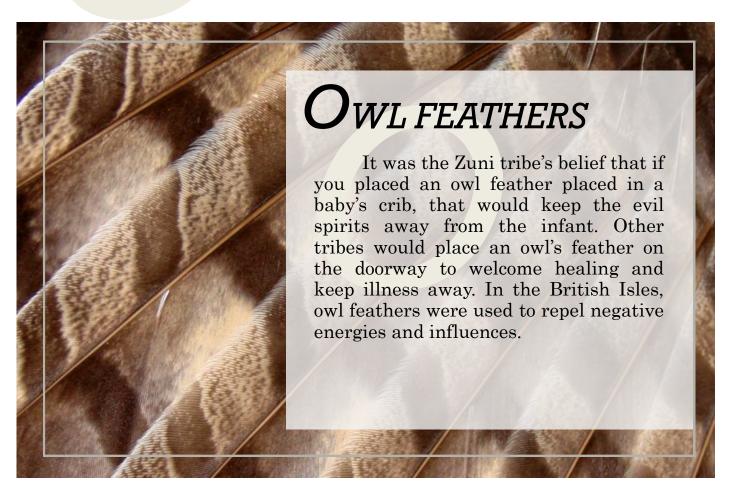
The familiar that comes to you has the traits that you need to have yourself. This is what makes connecting with your familiar such a fulfilling spiritual experience. You may connect with your familiar any time you want as long as you start with a peaceful body and mind, free of negative thoughts and bad energy.





OMENS

If an owl comes to you in your dreams or in reality, it means it wants to connect with you or to guide you to a higher sense of yourself. It also appears at times in your life as an omen to warn you that something tragic is about to occur. This does not mean just death, it could also be something else that is significant and necessary in the course of things. When an owl shows itself to you and gives you a warning sign, take great precaution, it just might be what will keep you safe.



Spirit Guides

The owl, as a spirit guide, reminds us to listen to our intuition. Your intuition is that nagging voice within us that tells us what our eyes cannot see and our ears cannot hear. The owl spirit

guide reminds us to protect and take care of what is ours and not take anything for granted.

The owl spirit guide is there to help us learn about ourselves on a much deeper level. Owls see undistorted reality and acknowledge it. They are not afraid of it, for they know that from truth

comes enlightenment. They inspire you to face the truth head on, for from there comes realization, enlightenment, and growth comes.

The owl is your totem animal if you wish to sharpen your powers of observation. Pay attention to what's happening around you, and be mindful of signals and omens.

As a familiar, the owl is very helpful in spells of truth-seeking, unmasking, and uncovering. Invoke them in your spells and rituals where you seek the truth to help you make a decision and move forward. The owl does not tolerate deceit, and will work with you to see the truth.

When you have a question,

don't hesitate to ask the owl for help. You can say something like the following:

"Sacred owl, please bring me wisdom.
Help me make the right decisions,
Assist me in planning
my future,
Walk with me on my spiritual
path.
Please show me the way."

Do not forget to thank them for the help after calling upon them. They will be more than willing to help you uncover things the next time if you do.

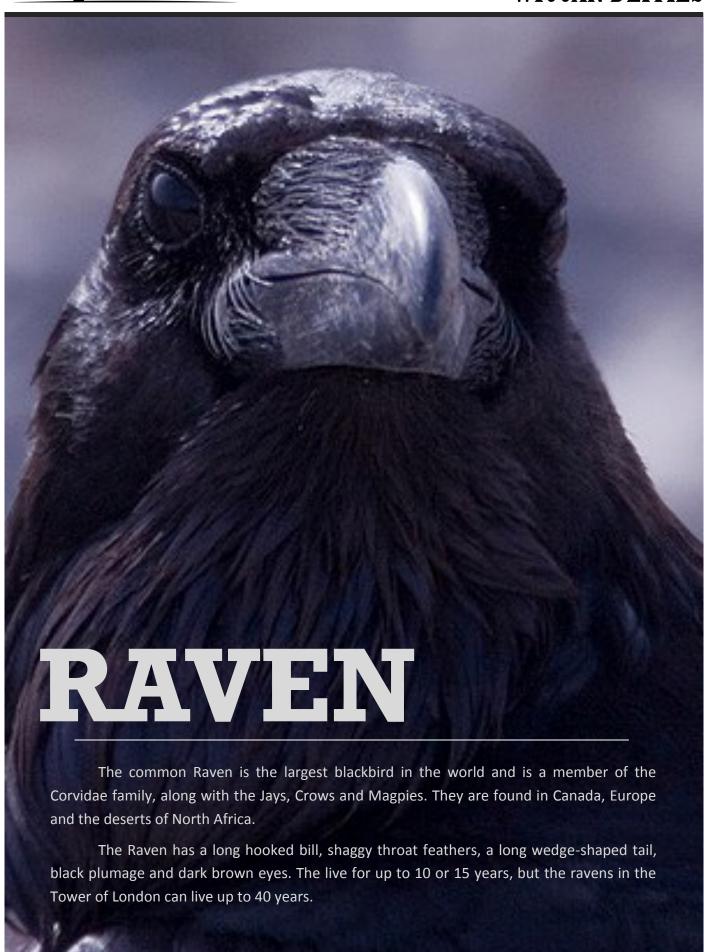
Spirit Guides

When owls gather around you at daytime, consider yourself lucky! Because owls only do this to those whom they feel they have a kinship with.

Like I said, owls also connect with you in the physical realm and in your dreams and meditation. This is how they are able to help you in your magick and unfold things for you. They send you messages in your dreams, in your meditative state, and through physical symbols.





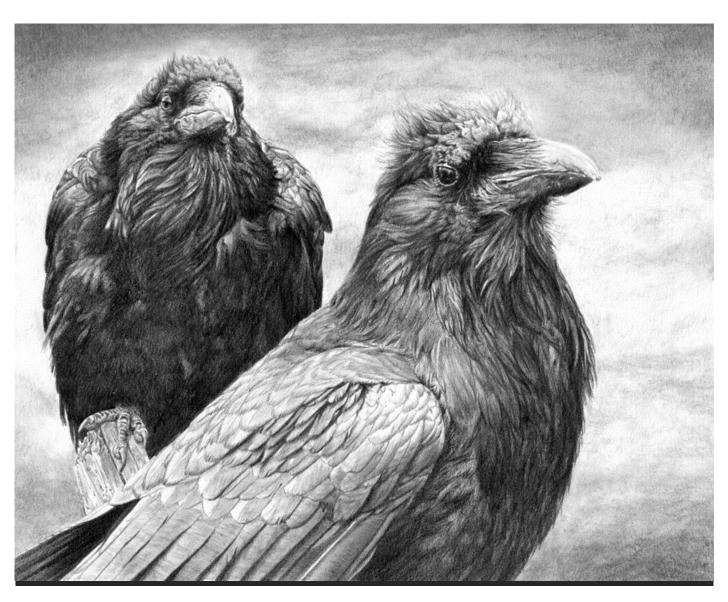


RAVEN ACROSS CULTURES

Many see the raven as a bird associated with death. This Is perpetuated by the fact that ravens in the past would feed on humans who were killed in warfare or by execution. In Sweden, they are believed to be the ghosts of murdered people. In Germany, they are believed to be the souls of the damned. However, for many Native

American tribes, they see the raven as the spirit who created the world. The raven is considered deity, the first human and the original shaman.

If Raven has called on you, you may soon find the following show up in your life: Magick and mysticism, intellect and acute cunning, awareness and skillful perception, the ability to shapeshift into another for a more complete understanding of Spirit, and a journey into the depths in order to bring out the light. In all this, and more, Raven will be your guide.



MYTHOLOGY

Ravens are excellent shapeshifters. They always journey into the void, and carry messages back. Odin possessed two ravens named Hugin (thought) and Munin (memory). They were both his personal messengers. Odin himself would also often shapeshift into a raven.

RAVEN AS FAMILIAR

As a familiar, the raven is very intelligent companion and guide in your magickal workings. It will teach you how to be fearless in your magick, bridging the gap between desire, intention and action. The raven will activate the link between intention and action.

SPIRIT ANIMAL

As a Spirit Animal, the raven helps you explore the deeper mysteries of things and not just take them at face value. Just as how their rich black color actually holds a prism of colourful light within. The raven will teach you how importance the balance of the darkness and light, that the darkness in needed to bring about light.



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For it is very difficult to have a raven in your house. They are very popular as totem animals. As a totem animal, the raven will spark your imagination and encourage many changes to happen in your life. The raven will tell you what must be destroyed and changed. The raven is about change taking place by getting in touch with your old self to find out what it is that you want to change and why and how you can do it. So much assessment is needed to go about changing your old ways. For the wisdom to make changes comes from enlightenment which comes from realization and acceptance.

Those who respond to the raven's call will notice themselves

taking on the many wonderful traits of the raven. With the raven as your animal totem, you will notice yourself becoming sociable, and you will find a need for interaction with others. You will find it easier to put yourself in another's shoes and seeing into their hearts. This skill will make you much more understanding and cooperative. You will also notice yourself becoming more vocal and communicative, it may be through writing, painting, acting, dancing or performing. You will also find yourself becoming very observant and alert, a fierce defender of your family.

Lastly, you will notice yourself becoming more playful and loving, finding humor in the most unexpected places. You are self-assured and fearless. You become the best version of yourself with the raven as your animal totem.







MADNESS

Rabbits and hares typically run around and go wild in March, which teaches you that fertility, in all respects, has returned to the land. It is the time of Ostara, the time to rejoice in the return of the Goddess in her maiden form, and the growth and maturity of the God now coming into his own.

At this time, we continue rejoicing at the return of the Sun and to put lay out all that we have reflected on and mulled over during the cold winter months. The rabbits and hares are happy to attend to the season and to



Totem animals

Those who have the rabbit or hare as a totem animal are very clairvoyant and are capable of seeing all sides of an issue, and are able to make instant decisions. Rabbits and hares teach us never to limit ourselves and box ourselves in a corner. They also teach us to know when to speed things up, when to slow down, and when to take a step back and reexamine something we may have missed. They teach us to stand still and observe, assess the

situation, and run away from danger when needed.

Rabbits and hares are often associated with fear. And that is not a bad thing. Fear is also necessary in survival. It says be careful and think about it. Harness your intuition to find a perfect balance.

Rabbits and hares eat well. Eating only barks, herbs, fruits, and leaves. They encourage us to eat healthy too. Like incorporate leafy greens in our diet. It helps us become active, lighter on our feet, and more playful.



DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HARES AND RABBITS

I know, I know. Just how do you distinguish the hare from the rabbit? Well, for one, newborn rabbits are called kittens, while newborn hares are called leverets. Baby rabbits are born naked and blind while baby hares are fully furred at birth and are able to see and move independently. Hares are also much larger than rabbits.

MAGICK

Rabbits and Hares, having the ability to walk between the worlds and commune with the faeries and the goddess. They are both nocturnal creatures that are active at dusk and dawn. Their ability to move quickly between the shadows as they walk between physical realm and spiritual realm, and having the ability to disappear and reappear in the blink of an eye, makes them keepers of hidden knowledge and wisdom.

This knowledge and wisdom that they have makes them perfect companions in magick. It is also because of this wisdom knowledge that they hold that it become considered lucky to carry a rabbit's foot in one's pocket.

SPIRIT GUIDES

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Familiars

Familiars are the physical creatures that are usually involved in witchcraft and magickal workings. The familiar is a spiritual entity that serves as a facilitator in the communion of the physical and spiritual realms. Familiars have the ability to heighten the energy of a circle.

Most often, it is a witch's personal pet that becomes his or her familiar. And they are given personal, individualized names, rather than general terms.

Totem Animals

A Totem Animal is a spirit you call upon or invoke, either alone or as a tribe. Totem animals are connected with shamanic teachings, and they were called upon for their special powers and survival skills. Therefore, they are viewed as more formal than familiars.

The Native American tribes were made up of smaller clans, united by kinship and descent and formed around an ancestor, which was usually an animal spirit. The animal spirit was called the Clan Totem. The clan totems are often the animals that inhabit the local area, like wolves, bears, turtles, and deer. And these animals have a unique relationship to the tribes in the area.

The animal totem is addressed as "wolf spirit" "bear spirit," where the actual wolves and bears that they see and come across are seen as manifestations of the wolf spirit or bear spirit. The spiritual powers of the clan's animal totem helps each them carry out their own special duties and responsibilities within the tribe.

SPIRIT ANIMAL

Spirit Animals have certain powers, skills, and knowledge to teach and share. Most come from the methods they take to overcome the many challenges they face just to survive.

The Spirit Animal chooses you, and if it does come to you, it means it's the time to connect with your true self and to live according to your life's purpose. Paying attention the pattern and theme of their appearance will show you the hidden messages behind in everyday experiences.

There are many ways in which your Spirit Animal will make itself known to you and many ways in which they pass on a message. It will appear to you at a time and place in your life only when you are ready and open to the wisdom they will share.

Basically there is one term that can be used to call all of which I have mentioned, and that is Spirit Guides. It encompasses the totem animals, spirit animals, familiars, and all other spirits such as ghosts and angels. It means any non-physical creature that serves the function of a protector and guide.

The Spirit Guide are those that you cannot interact with in real life, like wolves, lions, and dragons. The guide chooses its form according to how it can help you learn more about yourself. It will present you life's lessons when you are ready, and comes to you to show you how to go about your spiritual journey. It will teach you what you need to learn and how to face life's challenges. So if your spirit guide comes in the form of a dragon, it might be time to improve on your selfdiscipline.

It is best to keep the specific nature of your guide to yourself. By doing so, it keeps others from having power over you.



ANIMAL DREAM INTERPRETATION

To dream of:

a black cat lucky

a tortoiseshell luck in love

a ginger cat luck in money and business

a white cat luck in spiritual matters, divination and spell-craft

a black and white cat luck with children; or the birth of a child

a tabby cat good luck for the home and all who

live there

a gray cat let yourself be guided by your dreams

a calico or multi-colored cat luck with friendships

two cats fighting illness or a quarrel



This is something you can do for your cat familiar. This is a cat blessing and dedication ritual. They love attention and affection and will very much appreciate this!

What you will need:

- 1 Gold candle
- A cat-shaped candle or white candle
- A cat figurine, pendant, or amulet. Anything that represents your cat.
- 1 Catnip Toy or anything with catnip
- Smudge Stick
- Incense
- Your cat familiar

What you should do:

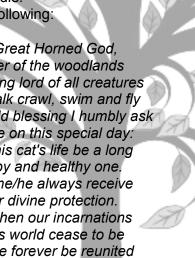
- 1. Light the smudge stick and let the smoke waft to cleanse the space.
- 2. Place the candles and your cat representation in the center of the altar.
- Cast your circle.
- 4. Light the gold candle and call upon the Horned God. You can say something like this:

"O Great Horned God, keeper of all things wild, I call upon you and invite you into this circle.

- 5. Holding your cat, light the other candle.
- 6. Kneel before the altar and say the following:

"O Great Horned God. Father of the woodlands And loving lord of all creatures That walk crawl, swim and fly A threefold blessing I humbly ask Of thee on this special day: May this cat's life be a long Happy and healthy one. May she/he always receive Your divine protection. And when our incarnations In this world cease to be May we forever be reunited In the great Pagan otherworld Known as the Summerland. Blessed be!"

- 7. Gaze into the flame of the gold candle say your cat's name three times with the words "Blessed Be".
- 8. To end things, burn incense like Sweetgrass to please the spirits.
- 9. Kiss your cat and set him/her down.
- 10. Present your cat with the Catnip toy or Catnip. This will strengthen the psychic bond between you and your cat.
- 11. Give thanks to the Horned God in your own way and words.
- 12. Close the circle.





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