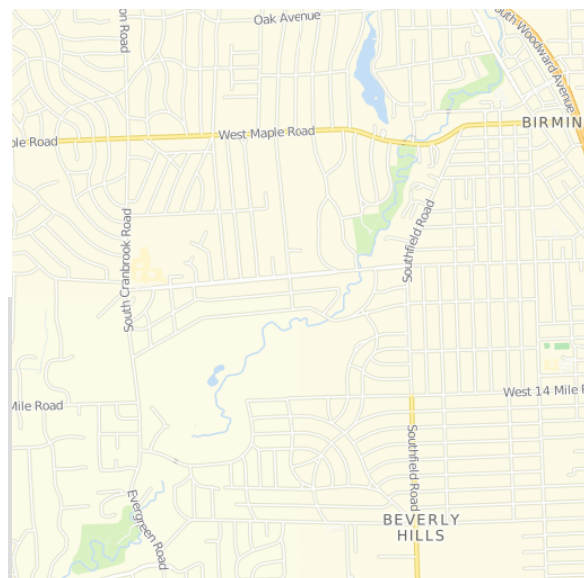


## What do Fluffy and Fido really mean? 9/17 (Birmingham Country Club)



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Many pet owners say they talk to their dogs and cats all the time. But are Fluffy and Fido talking back?

Pet owners will find out on Wednesday, September 17 from animal communicator Lisa Turek who will answer the question, What do Fluffy & Fido really mean? How to listen to and understand your pet at 5 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. at Birmingham Country Club. The program is being offered by The Cat Practice veterinary hospital in Birmingham. Turek says she is able to hold conversations with living and deceased animals by connecting with their spirits. She says this is unlike a psychic who reads minds or predicts the future. To connect with a pet, Turek needs a photo or description. She has used her abilities to help owners modify their pet's behavior, locate lost pets, find out if sick pets are in pain, and to connect with pets that have passed on. "I'm like the telephone," she says. "I'm the go between connecting the animal and the person."

Turek says that animals understand much more than people think, are sensitive to human energy and emotions, and are intelligent in ways that people are not. She says that pets communicate in mental pictures so pet owners should form images in their minds of positive behaviors and what they want their pet to carry out instead of thinking about negative behaviors and what their pet might do.

Cindy Houlihan, DVM, of The Cat Practice, which is offering the program, always talks with her feline patients. Houlihan began consulting with Turek years ago to get her advice on reducing patient stress. Today, before every procedure, Houlihan and the other veterinarians and veterinary technicians at The Cat Practice, explain to their patients what is going to happen to them when they are getting a shot, having blood drawn, getting an x-ray or going to sleep for surgery.

"Pets worry just like humans and want to know what's happening to them," Houlihan says. "They also have a lot to say to us. It's not really a mystery -- you just have to train yourself to listen. Even our most skeptical staff members have been doing this. The results are amazing."

Cat owners notice how cats respond to Houlihan's bedside manner and ask how she does it. The last time Turek was invited to speak, hundreds of pet owners showed up.

"Anyone can learn to communicate with their pet," says Turek who offers personal consultations and weekend workshops. "The more positive energy you send out, the more you are inviting your pet to have a conversation. You just have to learn to listen to what they say to you."

To register for What do Fluffy & Fido really mean? How to listen to and understand your pet, call [show contact info](#) or go to [www.thecatpracticepc.com](http://www.thecatpracticepc.com). Donation of \$10 per person includes light refreshments and goes to the Rufus Memorial Feline Fund for homeless cats and cats in need. Sorry, no refunds. Cat owners whose cats are patients of The Cat Practice get two free registrations. Please leave pets at home. Business attire requested. Birmingham Country Club is at 1750 Saxon Drive in Birmingham, Michigan.

### About Lisa Turek

Turek has been communicating with animals for 15 years. She lives in northern Michigan with her husband, dog and three cats.

### About The Cat Practice

The Cat Practice, opened in 1981, is Michigan's first cats-only veterinary hospital. The Cat Practice provides advanced preventive and medical care with an emphasis on early detection to help cats live longer, better and healthier lives. Located at 875 South Worth in Birmingham, Michigan, The Cat Practice cares for feline purebred and mixed breeds from around southeastern Michigan. For information go to [www.thecatpracticepc.com](http://www.thecatpracticepc.com) or call [show contact info](#)

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