



Melbourne man  
Scott Alexander King  
has an unusual gift...

# I'M AN animal psychic

Scott Alexander King says he was just eight years old when he first became aware of his amazing healing powers. Just like the schoolboy medium played by Haley Joel Osment in *The Sixth Sense*, Scott says he grew up seeing spirits everywhere he went.

But instead of seeing dead people, the young Melbourne psychic's apparitions were of the feathered and furry variety!

"I know it sounds crazy but wherever I went I saw animal spirits and they told me about people's lives," says Scott, 36, a former art teacher.

"They weren't dead pets, though, but animals who appeared around people I knew."

At first Scott innocently assumed everyone could see his visions – particularly the large black cat that trailed him through childhood – but he says it soon dawned on him no-one else could.

"I soon realised this was my gift and I could read my animals like symbols, in the way other psychics read colours in auras," says the married father of two.

Today, surrounded by earthly pets ranging from cats, dogs and birds to reptiles, cattle and a pony, Scott has abandoned his teaching career to focus on his unique gift.

From the home in Victoria's picturesque Yarra Valley that he shares with his wife Trudy, daughter Rosie, seven, and son Kaleb, four, this new-age Doctor Dolittle is a busy man. He's practising his unusual therapy on a flock of eager followers and has completed

a book on the healing powers of the animal kingdom, titled *Animal Dreaming*. He's also launched a deck of Australian-animal tarot cards.

"My first conscious memory is of seeing white rabbits all over my bedroom," says Scott, who teaches his craft from his Warburton-based business Circle Of Stones.

"The rabbits symbolised fears in my life, and I often see them around other people who are scared of things."

From as far back as Scott can remember, dogs, cats, rabbits, deer, snakes or cows have appeared before him like a steady slide show.

If a cow appeared behind someone, Scott interpreted that as a "mother" sign – and depending on the breed, understood if they'd been "mothered" or "smothered". Sharks would appear around people experiencing trouble with authority figures.

But it was as a newly qualified primary-school teacher that Scott recognised his gift offered him a new vocation – as animal healer and psychic.

"I realised I could use my animals in the classroom to help angry or troubled kids who desperately needed understanding," he says.

Training under an elder who'd studied the age-old teachings of animal therapy, Scott embarked on his new path – helping other people face crises.

"I've been able to use my knowledge to help people to conquer their fears and move forward. Even someone's choice of pet can tell me loads about their life."

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