

The Cat and the Horse

With TK the cat living in the barn, he sees Sienna the horse through the feed doors all the time. He occasionally has shown particular interest in her when he is outside, walking into the horse pen but keeping a big distance between himself and Sienna.

The other day I was letting TK out just as Sienna was clomping up the hill. The timing was just right. TK saw Sienna coming and went under the fence and headed toward her. He was looking up at her and talking to her and walking right at her! He talked to her the whole time, looking up at her face, until she dipped her head down to his level at close range and then he was afraid. After all, she is many, many times bigger than he is. He then ran back under the fence, watching her over his shoulder. He clearly wants to be friends with her. I felt that I was watching an amazing thing.

Later that day, there was a repeat performance, TK once again went in as Sienna approached. It was clear to me that he regards her in a special way and wants to let her know. She isn't sure about the whole thing and doesn't seem to love him as much as he loves her. But I think if he persists, she will understand his feelings. I have seen similar things with other cats and horses, often with the horse being friendly with the cat. It is an interesting relationship and I look forward to seeing how it will develop.