

# Dr. Frans de Waal, Primatologist

Post by “Don” of March 2, 2023 at 6:48 AM

I remembered we had a previous thread about beavers, so I thought I'd link to it:

Post

**[RE: Is There A Relationship Between "Anticipations" and "Instinct"?](#)**

To go back to your original question:

Is There A Relationship Between "Anticipations" and "Instinct"?

I don't think so. Instinct has to do with behavior. The Anticipations have to do with perception.

To use your favorite castorine example, beavers build dams over flowing water it appears as a result of stimuli compelling that behavior. There appears to be some sort of necessity involved. There is a visible measurable behavioral result.

From my perspective, Anticipations (I'm going to say similar...



Don

April 24, 2021 at 9:57 AM

This link starts with my post questioning the beaver angle. I'm assessing whether I still agree with myself or not, but thought this could help inform the current thread in any case.