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**About Elena Mannes**

I’m an award-winning independent documentary director/writer/producer with honors that include six Emmy Awards, a George Foster Peabody Award, two Directors Guild of America Awards, and nine Cine Golden Eagles. I’ve written, directed, and produced series and documentaries for CBS, PBS, ABC, and the Discovery Channel. But the greatest honor I’ve had has been the journey I took with the remarkable being, my “soul dog” Brio. When he came into my life, it changed completely. I was a driven, ambitious, Type A network TV producer, trained to be skeptical and very wary of anything in the realm of the paranormal. My experience with Brio led me into the world of animal communicators, telepathy, and mediums. My search for a lasting and meaningful connection with a dog led me down a path that crossed over the boundaries of reason and material reality into the realm of the invisible. I discovered that there’s much more to heaven and earth than I’d ever dreamed of as a fact-driven journalist. Mine was a journey on two parallel paths: rooted in the immediate joys of life with a dog, yet simultaneously leading me down a road toward tantalizing questions about who animals are and what they tell us about who we human animals are as well.

Brio remains very much with me in spirit. I talk to him all the time – as I do with my animals who are physically with me -- Bravo – another black standard poodle – and Kismet the cat. WE live in New York City.

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