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Subject: Re: Debate on Altruism.

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I'm not convinced animals have the capacity for desire, but are driven by self preservation. The act of risking or giving it's own life for another animal directly conflicts with it's instinct for self preservation, yet examples are evident. Surely this is an example of altruism?

Unless animals do have the capacity for desire, the intellectual capacity for reason and higher thought. Which would incidently mean they are just as self centered as us humans.

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