

# Poor Little Rich Boy

Whether you look at it, David Cassidy is surely wealthy young man. He has more money than most people can hope to earn. So what does he do with all this money? How does he choose to spend it all?

One thing he doesn't do with it is blow it all away, hundreds of girls out to expensive clubs, not buying them extravagant presents. He does see few girls out at all, simply because he doesn't have time to go out very much, and then he just likes to take them to a quiet restaurant. He's just as happy staying at home, cooking a meal for himself and just listening to records all night.

One of the biggest things that David has bought with his money is a large house in its own grounds. His garden is so big that you can see the house from the road! You might think that is pretty extravagant, but with all these fans just dying to see him David has to have a house which is absolutely private, where he can be himself. Staying with him at the house are about five people, including a cook and housekeeper, David's real mother, and Sam Hoggan, his best friend, as well as David's dogs. It's like a busy and bustling family and David tries to get back home as often as he can.

Most of David's money is handled by a business manager, who tells David the best ways to invest his money, and what he should do with it. Recently David has bought a hundred acres of land in Hawaii, and sometimes he would like to live there and farm it himself. David loves riding, and he wants to buy some horses and other animals for his farm as well.

David's favourite animals, of course, are dogs, and he has quite a few. At the last count there were five, including faithful old Sheesh, and a puppy called Kula, but with David you never can tell, he might just decide to go and collect a whole kennel of dogs from the pound tomorrow!

David is pretty lucky really, because although he has enough money to do what he wants, people keep giving him things. Probably because he's such a nice person! The biggest present that David has had is the white Chevrolet Corvette car which Screen Gems, the film company which produces the Partridge Family series, gave him.

David loves cars, and before the Corvette he had a blue Ford Mustang. He really loved the car, he saw while he was in Europe, but he prefers larger cars to tiny little sportscars, which are just too small for those long, wide American roads.

Screen Gems have bought presents for David and all the Partridge Family. Each member has a teddybike with his or her name on it. These bikes are great for getting around the enormous film 'set' where the show is filmed.



The bikes are good fun too! Suzanne Crough (pronounce that *Crow*) and Brian Forster have races on their bikes, and Susan Dey thinks that hers is great for slimming away any extra calories!

Bell Records, who produce David's great records, gave him a pretty super present too! They gave him a free stay in London so he could see all his fans. *Ocean Sabre* was hired especially for David, because he's got so many fans that no hotel would risk his staying there!

Has all this changed David Cassidy? All his friends will tell you that it hasn't, because he still knows that the most important things cannot be bought. He still loves his group of friends and he depends more than ever on their friendship and support. He still loves the sun, and any free time he has will find him on the beach, enjoying the warmth along with everyone else.

David Cassidy has had to grow up fast. Most people work all their lives for a portion of the money he has, and some of them think that if they have more it will make them happier.

David knows that isn't necessarily true. He's learning now to be a good, mature and natural human being, and he's succeeding!