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Still, looking round the house, it would appear that David does just as good a job if not better than people who decorate and furnish for a living!

David is always very relaxed, but especially when he's in his own home. Everywhere he goes, he's followed by Bullseye, his dog, who sits at his feet and stares at him the whole time. There's also another dog, who belongs to a friend of David's, and an odd cat or two, who bound in and out of David's lap as soon as he sits down.

One of the first things I learned about David when we started talking was that David is a vegetarian — seemingly a fact that not too many people know about.

### VEGETARIAN

"I've been a vegetarian for about four years now. I don't talk about it very often, because I'd hate anyone to think I was trying to force my beliefs on them. At first, I didn't eat red meat, but still ate chicken and sea food, but now I just eat fruit and vegetables. I even put Bullseye on a vegetarian diet a few weeks ago, but I don't think it's fair, so he's back to dog meat!"

Since releasing his first album after leaving the pop scene some time ago, he's been back in the studios, working on the follow-up. He's working with Bruce Johnston again.

whom he worked with on The Higher They Climb, The Harder They Fall, and some other very fine musicians. It's been over two months now since he started recording, and he's going to call a halt very soon.

"I could really stay in the studio for ever," David confessed. "But I know I can't. I'm very excited about what we've recorded so far, and everyone who's heard it to date, agrees. It's very different from the last album, some are tracks I've written by myself or with someone else, and some tracks are older numbers I've heard and liked.

### PRODUCING

"Because I haven't done so much writing this time, there's been a lot more time for me to concentrate on singing, which I've enjoyed. I just enjoy the whole thing, 'cos I'm producing the album as well. It keeps me pretty busy!"

David does use the time he has out of the studio to relax though; either dashing over to Hawaii for a few days, or just grabbing his car and driving into the nearby mountains. He's always loved being out of doors, which is probably why California, with its blue skies and beautiful beaches, suits him so well.

He doesn't bother with so

many of the trappings that a lot of stars like to surround themselves with — parties, flash cars and lots of people around all the time. He often has to ask who someone is, and admits that he rarely watches TV and movies.

"I guess it's because I don't have much time at the moment. There seem to be loads of new pop shows on TV here in America, but I can't comment on them, because I haven't watched any. It probably sounds strange, but normally if I'm recording, I'll be working into the small hours, sleeping until lunch-time, then back to the studios.

"Earlier this year, of course. I came over to Britain and Europe, but that was only to promote the new single and album. I really don't know what the plans are for me to come back. It might not be for some time — by that I mean, I don't think I'll be touring with a band for a few months yet, although I might get over to England for some TV or radio work.

"I really like England, and I was amazed at how loyal my fans were when I was there. A lot of fans can be fickle, y'know, if you're not around for just a few months, they forget, but I couldn't believe how many fans there were wherever I went in England.

### NEW DIRECTION

"The other thing that was so good was that they seem to have accepted that I'm not David Cassidy, Partridge Family any more, but David Cassidy, person. Although I've got to follow what I'm doing now as far as direction is concerned, it's nice to know that so many fans have come along with me, and are listening to the music."

Of that there's no doubt. Both David's recent singles have shot high in the charts, and every time there's the slightest whisper that David is coming over, his record company's phones are ringing for weeks, day and night, as are the phones in newspaper offices all over the country. David's biggest worry was that he wouldn't be able to re-enter the music field as himself, although he knew that he had to make the change because his music was so important to him. Now he's happy in the knowledge that he's been able to do this, and still retain the fans who gave him his first chance at fame and fortune.

### SERIOUS

When you get to know David, you realise that he is a very serious person: serious about his beliefs, the way he leads his life, and above all his music. That's not to say he hasn't a sense of humour, because he has — the original cover for his last album was meant to show David as a real down and out tramp sitting in the gutter, which was David's idea, but eventually it changed because other people didn't know if the joke would come across!

Now, waiting for all the mixing and final work to be done on his new album, he can't wait to have a chance to go back on the road. He wants his stage show to be as polished as his studio work though, and it takes time to set everything up. This is the reason why we've had to wait for any announcements about him coming to Britain and Europe. Still, it's only a matter of time, and as David Cassidy fans have shown in the past, they know it's worth waiting for!

