

Dear Susan,

I read that you don't go steady anymore. Can you tell my why?

Susan Powek
Boston, Mass.

Dear Susan,

Yes, I can give you some reasons. I think that it's more fun to date a lot of different people when you're young so you can get to know lots of guys. How else can you tell what you are really looking for in a man? Going steady is a serious thing and I don't think it's good to be too serious when you're in your teens. And remember, I'm still a teenager! Later, perhaps when you are thinking about settling down and you think you've found the right guy, then going steady or going together is fine.

Dear David,

I've got a problem! A boy asked me out on a date, and when we got back he asked me for a kiss. I didn't want to hurt his feelings so I did. Did I do the right thing by kissing him or should I have said no? Should I see him again?

Georgina Sutus
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Georgina,

I'm really flattered that you would ask me for advice on such an important subject. A kiss is something you give to express a feeling or some emotion of joy, happiness, love or such. I think it's quite all right to kiss somebody on a first date, but only if you want to! It should never be given as payment and never given unwillingly. Of course, you were put on the spot a bit because he asked you outright for a kiss, which a guy shouldn't do. I know that I wouldn't like a kiss very much unless I knew the girl was eager to give it. If you like this boy, go out with him again, but if you don't want to kiss him, don't. But do let him know you had a nice time, if you did. A squeeze of the hand or a big smile will let him know. Also, when he brings you home don't linger in the car or on the porch. That's almost like an invitation to a guy. Go right in when he walks you to the door, but turn and let him know that you'd like to see him again with some kind words. Good luck!

Dear Susan,

Every time my boyfriend and I go out on a date he complains that when he's with me he spends way too much money on a date. Is he trying to tell me he doesn't like me anymore?

Gaye Lane
Burbank, Calif.

Dear Gaye,

I don't really think he's trying to say he doesn't like you. If he didn't he wouldn't keep on taking you out. Next time you go out, suggest someplace where he can't possibly spend too much. Or, if you go to the movie, bring along your own snacks. You might even suggest that you stay at home and listen to records or watch television together. Tell him that what's important is that you're together, not where you go or what you do. Let him know that it isn't necessary to spend money to have a good time. Of course, he may just mean it as a joke, but it really isn't that funny. I don't know if I've helped you but let me know how it turns out!



David & Susan

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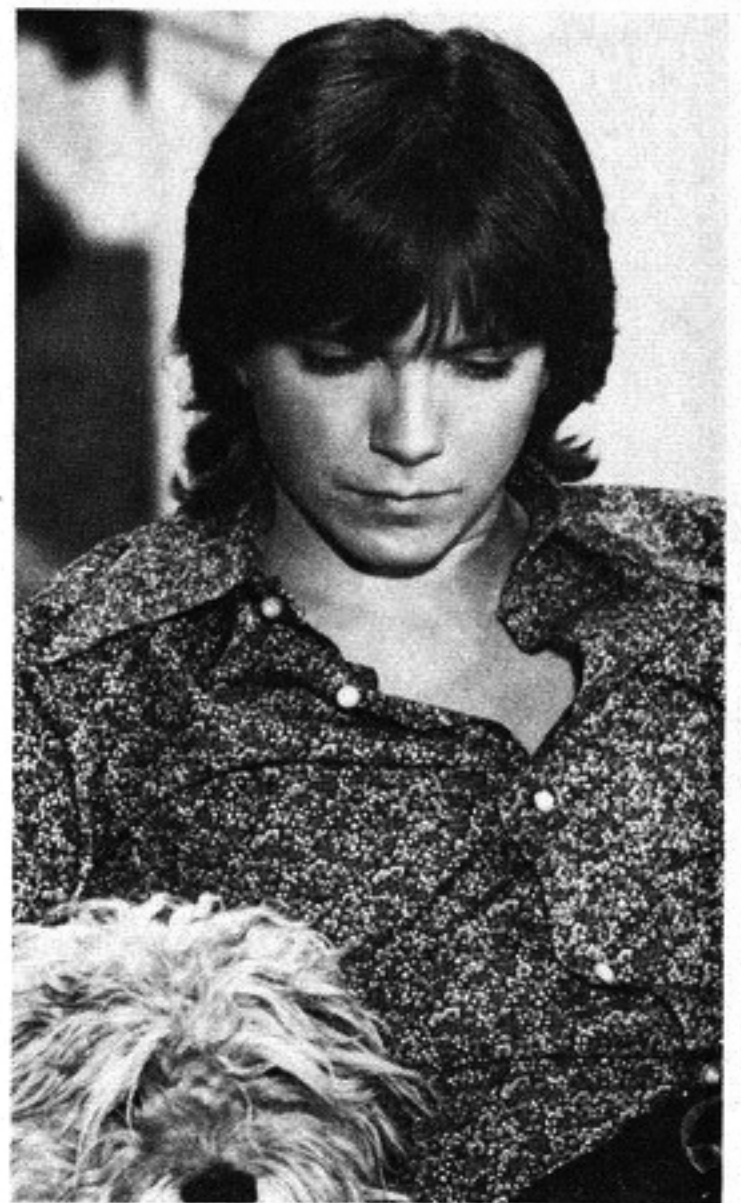
Dear Susan,

I've read so much about how hard it is for David to get up in the morning and I was wondering if you have the same trouble!

Alice Holms
Anoka, Mn.

Dear Alice,

No, I'm glad to say I don't have that problem! I think morning is one of the nicest times of the day. Mornings are the best times for me too, I seem to work better and I'm eager and alert. Usually I have a slump just before lunch but if I can sit down and relax during lunch I'm all right again in the afternoon and usually until I go to bed. But when I hit the bed, I'm asleep immediately!



ALTHOUGH DAVID LOVES his two dogs, he likes having a pet on the set. Simone gets lots of love there.

Dear David,

I would like to know how long it takes to tape one "Partridge Family" show. I think your show's just great! Also, will it be on next season? I heard it would be, but I just wanted to make sure. Also, will it be on the same time and night?

Rachel Wheeler
New Albany, Ind.

Dear Rachel,

I'm really glad that you like the show. It makes me feel extra special when you write and let me know how you feel! Usually it takes anywhere from 5 to 7 days to tape one show. The show's been renewed for this coming fall season and as far as I know the time and night will be the same. I hope that answers everything!

Dear David,

First I would like to congratulate you on your success in the "Partridge Family." It's the greatest! You and all the other stars are great actors and actresses. I was wondering David, are you making any singing tours? If so, where?

Peggy Cassidy
Kentville, N.S.