

Dear Al,

Does David like butter and jelly on bread?

Anna Sloat Upper Sandusky, Ohio

Dear Anna,

Butter and jelly—never! Peanut butter and jelly—Always! How about you? Do you go for butter and jelly?



Dear Al,

Does David have a real or an artificial tree on Christmas. Please say "Hello" to David for me!

Karen McGloin Buffalo, New York

Dear Karen,

I've never been asked that question before! David's always had a real tree on Christmas for as long as I've known him. All the time when he was growing up, his mom, actress Evelyn Ward, always had a real tree. This past Christmas David's tree was the ecology kind that you really do plant after the holidays and now it's growing nicely in his back yard! Thanks for writing Karen and David says "Hi," back!

## Dear Al,

I've got so many questions to ask I don't know where to start, but what I'd really like to know is who does the cooking and cleaning around the house? This is a great column!

Becky Duncan

Dear Becky,

I'm sure glad you like reading this column 'cause I like writing it! I get to meet the nicest people, like you! The grooviest couple I've ever seen come in once a week to clean David's house because he's so busy he just doesn't have time! Their names are Jay and Etta Mae and David just loves them! They really take good care of him! In between, or when they've got time, Sam or David straighten up!

Dear Al,

When David is upset about something, does he try to hide his emotions from you and Sam? In other words, does he shut himself up in his room and keep it to himself? Or, does he let you know he's bothered about something?

Janice Boucquey Ontario, Canada



Dear Janice,

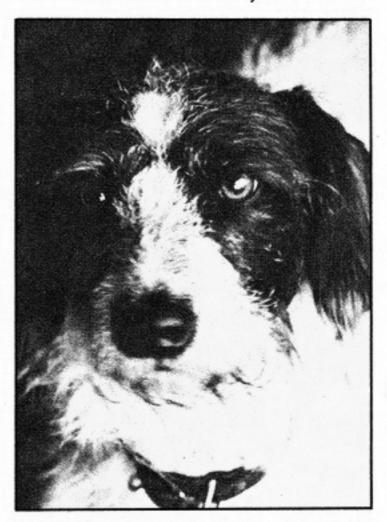
David keeps his feelings to himself most of the time, but he's the sort of guy who's eyes give away how he's really feeling. Both Sam and I respect David's desire to be alone when he wants to but we are always there if he needs a friend to talk to! Thanks for reading "Partridge" Magazine! Dear Al,

Is it true that David's dog Sam died? If so, how did it happen and how did David take it?

Love, Pam Barrington, Ill.

Dear Pam,

A lot of David's fans have been asking this question so maybe I can answer it now for all of them. David's dog Sam, who we all called "Ricky" died from an infection that just wouldn't heal up. David's mom, his roommate Sam and I were all heartbroken because we've known Ricky just as long as David. But Ricky was David's dog and more than that, he was David's friend. Losing the dog he loved so much was a tragic experience for David, who will always hold a place in his heart for beautiful Ricky.



Dear Al,

How short does David like girls' dresses? Also, does he like hot pants?

Melinda Smith Lake Jackson, Texas

Dear Melinda,

I would say David likes dresses no shorter than the middle of the thigh. As for hot pants, he says it depends upon who's wearing them! Hope that answers it for you!

Dear Al,

Does David go to church? Also, what religion is he? Keep up the great work on this column, Al!

Dana Robertson Atlanta, Ga.

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