

The Pet Doctor with Marty Becker

Veterinarian Dr. Marty Becker and millions of pet owners believe that animals are great companions that provide tremendous rewards to those who provide for their health and happiness. In THE PET DOCTOR WITH MARTY BECKER, which is currently airing nationally on PBS stations throughout the U.S. during pledge drives (check local listings), Dr. Becker offers the latest information on building a greater bond with our pets and keeping them in the best possible health.

Taped before a studio audience with many dogs, cats and birds present, the 60-minute special focuses on disease prevention as Dr. Becker demonstrates how to check a pet for obesity and offers tips for catching illnesses in their early stages. Easy-to-follow methods for such tasks as brushing a cat or dog's teeth and giving pills are provided, along with ways to protect pets from common parasites like heartworm, fleas and ticks.

Throughout the program, Dr. Becker uses charm and humor to address some of the most common challenges and benefits for humans who share their lives and domiciles. Basic communication techniques and health advantages for pet owners are revealed, along with nutritional information.

Although much of the program is devoted to prevention of disease and elimination of health hazards, Dr. Becker also provides the latest information about pet insurance and wellness plans that encourages the pet owner to be proactive in taking care of their pet's health.

Dr. Marty Becker, the 2002 Veterinarian of the Year for the United States, is the resident veterinarian on ABC TV's *Good Morning America*. Becker has two internationally distributed newspaper columns on pets that reach an estimated 20 million people a week. Becker is the author of 11 books including *The Healing Power of Pets*, *Fitness Unleashed*, and the two latest books, *Why Do Dogs Drink Out Of Toilets?* and *Do Cats Always Land On Their Feet?*

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