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I've often wondered if the celebrity "experts" I see on television actually know what they're talking about or if they rely on a bevy of knowledgeable scriptwriters.

Today, I was given the opportunity to answer that question—at least in the case of [Dr. Katrina Warren, BVSc](#) ⁽¹⁾ (*that's Australian for: Bachelor of Veterinary Science*)-the smart and beautiful Celebu-Vet who comes to the aid of two cat-loving families during each episode of her show: [Cat Chow's® Housecat Housecall®](#) ⁽²⁾, which has just began airing it's Third Season on [Animal Planet®](#) ⁽³⁾ on June 5th.

Dr. Warren, along with her associates, Dr. Karen Sueda and Dr. Rich Goldstein, help families understand how to create a better environment for their cats or help them solve curious cat behavior issues. (*subliminal message to Dr. Katrina: HELP! PLEASE COME TO MY HOUSE! I NEED HELP!*)



Dr. Katrina Warren, courtesy of Purina® Cat Chow® & Animal Planet®.

I was graciously granted a phone interview with Dr. Warren from her home in Australia. Did I want to skip my questions about the Third Season of her show and ask her about living in Australia or if she knows Nicole Kidman? YES! Did I want to know if she would invite me to come visit her or better yet, could she come to my house and **SAVE ME FROM MY EIGHT ANNOYING CATS WHO REFUSED TO LET ME SLEEP BECAUSE THEY WERE HUNGRY, SO THEY WOKE ME UP AT 5:00 AM?**

YES!

But I'm a professional, so I asked a few, more appropriate questions, but I really wanted some dirt. (*Okay, I wanted to ask how she could marry someone named: "Mr. Darcy" in 2006 and not live happily ever after with him? Sadly, the marriage did not last beyond two years. Also, how could you NOT want to STAY married to a lovely person WHO IS A VET??? Come on!!*)

During our interview, we discussed the upcoming season of **Cat Chow's, Housecat Housecalls** (*try to say that on the air, by the way-what a tongue twister!*). We also discussed proper nutrition (*you KNEW I would have to go there, but I did so delicately, at least, this time*), we also talked about how to handle the death of a pet, weird pet behaviors (*stealing clothing*) and how we can all do our part to help Dr. Warren in her quest for cats to live better lives.

If you don't get a chance to listen to the interview, there are two things you should know:

1. Dr Warren is delightful. She knows what she's talking about and is willing to open up to discuss any aspect of cat health or behavior. Of course, she loves dogs, too and it broke my heart to find out she still mourns over the death, at age 14, of her

beloved dog, [Toby](#) ^[4], who passed away in January of this year. Our condolences on your loss!

2. This is so surprising and fantastic and terrible (*because we can't say that about the USA*)...**AUSTRALIA HAS A 98% COMPLIANCE TO SPAY/NEUTER THEIR ANIMALS.** Dr. Warren said it was almost unheard of for people to have kittens to give away. While we didn't have time to discuss how they handle "Bush-cats" (*Feral*), the idea that an entire country can get behind Spay/Neuter makes my heart swell. We **MUST** achieve a goal like that here in the USA!

If you'd like to hear our chat, feel free to listen to the audio, below. Keep in mind it was 8 AM EST here and 10PM for Dr. Warren. That we could have a conversation that made any sense at either of those times is just shy of amazing.

LISTEN TO THE INTERVIEW HERE

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A BIG "Thank You" to Dr. Katrina Warren, for her time and expertise. It was a pleasure speaking with her. *Cat Chow's, Housecat Housecall will air Saturdays at 10:30am E/P and Sundays at 8am E/P this summer on Animal Planet.*

(another subliminal message to Dr. Katrina: HELP! PLEASE COME TO MY HOUSE! MY CATS ARE DRIVING ME CRAZY! MR. DARCY...HIS LOSS!)

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Good interview ^[20]

Nice interview. Lots of interesting information. And you have a nice voice for radio. (At least I didn't say "a good face for radio")

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Thank you! ^[22]

OMG, You crack me up! "good face for radio"....hee hee! Glad you liked the interview!

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Cat Chow's, Housecat Housecalls (try to say that on the air, by the way-what a tongue twister!).

Yes, I can see the truth in that.... for me it keeps wanting to come out as "Cathouse Housecalls", and, well.. that could be very different.

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LOL!!!!!!! ^[25]

I wonder if they thought of that happening, too? LOL!!!!!!!

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