

People: Busy Betty

Actress and animal advocate Betty White talks about her love of dogs.

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Five-time Emmy Award-winning actress Betty White may be best known for her roles in the television sitcom *The Golden Girls* (1985 to 1992) and *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* (1973 to 1977), but at 87 years old, White has devoted just as much time to helping her four-legged friends as she has entertaining her two-legged fans.

White currently serves as a trustee and president emeritus for the Morris Animal Foundation, a nonprofit organization that funds humane health studies for specific health problems of companion animals, zoo animals and wildlife. She has been a member of the Los Angeles Zoo Association since 1974 and served three terms as zoo commissioner. She also actively supports the Los Angeles Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

White opens up a little about her love of animals, and more specifically, the dogs that have shared her home.

Q: Did you have dogs as a child?

A: I was never without dogs. I grew up mostly with Pekingese, a breed that I adore.

Q: When did you first get involved with animal charity work?

A: In the womb! I learned it from my mother and dad.

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