

Dr Chris Brown

Television Presenter, Veterinarian & Corporate Host

Dr Chris Brown is an Australian veterinarian, television personality and author. Best known for his television series *Bondi Vet*, he has also been a regular guest panelist on *The Project* and a co-host on *The Living Room*, as well as being a co-host on the Australian series of *I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!*



Chris Brown was born and grew up in the suburbs of Newcastle, New South Wales, where his father was a local vet. He graduated from Sydney University with First Class Honours in Veterinary Science in 2001 and started his working career at a clinic in Sydney's North Shore.

As a young vet, Chris Brown travelled to remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory to treat animals. He continues to make regular visits conducting research in these areas, and working to improve the health of the animals as well as the local Aboriginal people.

Three years into his veterinary life, Chris was spotted by an agent in a pub telling stories over a few beers in a pub in Mosman, Sydney. A screen test with Seven Network was the result and two weeks later, Chris began filming as the new vet on *Harry's Practice*. His impact was immediate and soon found nominated for a Logie award for Most Popular New Talent at the 2004 TV Week Logie Awards.

In March, 2004, Dr Chris Brown accepted an offer to become the host vet on Australia's Channel Nine's *Burke's Backyard* program where he worked alongside the pioneer of lifestyle television Don Burke.

In October 2005 Dr Chris Brown released his first book, *The Family Guide to Pets*, through Murdoch Books. The book, which has sold over 25,000 copies, was written to help people make the right decision when choosing a pet; while showing them how to have some fun along the way.

In 2008, he began *Bondi Vet* on Network Ten, a factual television program that chronicles Chris' life and work at a veterinary clinic at Bondi Junction. The series has been shown on Saturday mornings in the United States, by the CBS network, under the title of *Dr. Chris: Pet Vet*.

In 2010, Dr Chris Brown became a regular guest panelist on Network Ten's talk show *The Project* and he was also a fill in host for Charlie Pickering. He continues to serve as a regular on Channel Nine's *Today Show* as well as a presenter on Nine's *Talk to the Animals*. He was part of the *Burke's Backyard* comeback specials. Chris also writes the very popular *Pet Page* in *Woman's Day*

and finds time to appear on radio stations such as Triple M and Vega.

Dr Chris Brown works extensively in the corporate world most particularly as a corporate ambassador for the well-known Purina pet care brand. He is an ambassador for Assistance Dogs Australia, a charity that aims to increase the independence of people with physical disabilities.

Despite all these commitments, Dr Chris Brown remains true to his love of veterinary science, still practicing as a vet in the beachside suburb of Bondi.

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