



Burt Ward

Burt Ward who played sidekick Robin in the 1960s TV Show, Batman (1966 – 1968) recently took some time to share some memories and current projects.

"I always enjoyed watching I Love Lucy and The Ed Sullivan Show. I liked Ed Sullivan because you could see people from all over the world. I also loved watching Superman. That's the show that started the whole process of me wanting to be a super hero. My mother had a photo of me when I was three years old sitting on my tricycle with a bath towel around my neck held together by a clothespin. I wanted to be Superboy!"

Burt was not involved in acting during his school years, it was all by chance and networking how things progressed as he got older. "I went to Beverly Hills High School and of course many famous people went to that school including sons and daughters of film directors, producers and so forth," he remembers. "I decided during high school that I wanted to be an actor. I went to UCLA to take classes on acting."

"It was all by chance how I got into the movie industry. I was showing a house to a gentleman named, Saul David who was a well-respected movie producer, he suggested I stop by the 20th Century Fox studios for an interview. The part of Robin was the first part I had tried out for. I remember meeting the casting director who asked me if I would like to meet the executive producer and I happily agreed. I didn't have a clue that not everyone got to meet the executive producer. I thought everyone did!" "William Dozier was a prominent producer. He had been the VP at CBS. He then asked me if I would like to do a screen test.



Burt went on to impress the powers that be. "1959 was the first year that Karate was introduced to the United States. I had been studying it during high school. So, I was doing the moves and busted a board then I was able to do a screen test with Adam West. When that was over, I thanked them for their time and started to leave but they sent me to wardrobe to be fitted

for the Robin costume. It was the most uncomfortable costume I have ever worn. Well, I got the part and actually had it for close to a month before anyone officially told me.

Adam West will always be THE Batman. He and I got along great. We never followed a script. Much of our dialogue was adlibbed on the spot."

When asked why he thinks fans are still interested in Batman 50 years later, he said, "Batman has a wide appeal to children because it's hero worship. Who wouldn't want to be riding in the Batmobile, climbing walls and fighting for justice? The color and glamor are there.

On January 9, 2020 Burt was awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

"It only took 50 years!" "I am right across from Adam West. Our stars are facing each other just like we faced each other on camera. It was purposely planned that way. We are right in front of the Guinness World Record Museum."

Burt and his wife, Tracy are involved with caring for man's best friend which started 25 years ago. "Dogs are usually rescued by their breed," explains Burt. "We originally started rescuing Great Danes. Thankfully we have the space, land and resources to take care of these dogs in addition to veterinary services. We now take any breed of dog. At one point we were taking care of 60 to 70 adoptions a week. Great Danes usually live seven to nine years. English Mastiff's live around five to seven years. Tracy and I started working on what we could do to help dogs live longer. We came up with a special feeding and care program which is on our web site: www.gentlegiantsdogfood.com."

"On average, our program adds three to five ears to a dog's life. We had a Great Dane that lived to be 16 years old. We hired four top nutritionists. Our food is only 9% fat. Our dogs are living longer and are more active. In fact, we have 50 dogs at our house at any given time! We do not make any salary from this dog food, not a dime. This is all about helping people's dogs live a longer and healthier life. Our dog food is sold at all Walmart and Target stores. We are now working on creating a cat food. I think of this in terms of I used to be a cape crusader and now I am a canine crusader."



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