

Exclusive Interview with Maurice Benard (aka Sonny Corinthos)

This “General Hospital” star might have more in common with you than you think.

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Sexy and calculating but sensitive and generous, Sonny Corinthos, the character Maurice Benard has played on ABC’s “General Hospital” for more than a decade, shares many traits with Benard’s favorite pet, his African grey, Tito. It’s easy to see why they’re a perfect match.

Although he plays a bad boy gangster with numerous love interests and illegal dealings to his credit, Benard doesn’t seem that tough when surrounded by his pets. “They make fun of me at work. They call me Dr. Doolittle.” That’s because his household includes an Eclectus, a rose-breasted cockatoo, a military macaw, a Senegal, an outdoor aviary with canaries, quails and rosellas, three dogs, two cats, four rabbits and four chinchillas plus several baby chinchillas. Part of this — maybe a lot of this — is Paula’s doing, his wife of 16 years.

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