

Live Talking Dog Captivates Audiences With Animal Charm



LIVE TALKING DOG CHARMS AUDIENCES NIGHTLY — Call it animal magnetism or four-legged charm, whatever it is, Andre Astor and his live talking dog, Oscar, capture the hearts of every audience in the Aladdin's Abracadabra. Showtimes are 8 and 11 p.m., dark Tuesdays.

How many times have pet owners gazed lovingly at their little animals, wondering what they were really thinking, and wishing they could speak?

Well, there's one dog that has finally broken the communication barrier, and his name is Oscar. Of course, he's become a celebrity and is currently starring nightly in the Aladdin's magical extravaganza "Abracadabra," accompanied by his

sidekick and partner, world renowned entertainer, Andre Astor.

As if by magic, Oscar is transformed from a regular three-year-old Bassett Hound, to a very talkative pooch with his own ideas and who's not afraid to share his canine perspective.

"In my private life," smiles Oscar, "I'm basically an average dog just cruising through the big time. Of course, talking has changed my career...no bones about it. It's taken me from under the dining room table to having my own chair, which is cool. Plus, I don't have to sit up for snacks anymore, I just ask "pass the porkchops," and I become one happy camper. If you want to keep your tail wagging through life, you've got to speak up."

Oscar is quickly becoming a very important dog indeed, due to the genius and expertise of the multi-talented Andre Astor, who also happens to be a master of ventriloquism. "That dog's mouth is really moving...! How does he do it?," are regular questions that are heard every performance as the audience stares in disbelief. What's the mystery? Only the master and his dog know for sure, and they're not letting the cat out of the bag.

An American-born Frenchman, Andre comes from a long line of family entertainers who have performed in live stage and circus productions throughout Europe and the world, for over 250 years. Talent and the magical ability to capture the imaginations of any audience has become a family tradition. Andre's warm rapport and graciousness has established him as an entertainer that lights up every stage he has had the pleasure to perform.

What does the future hold for this unusual talent? "I'm always sniffing for new opportunities," finishes Oscar, "You've got to think big...Today, I'm the only real dog starring on the Vegas Strip. Tomorrow I could become a television thrill and the number one pooch in America. It's a dog eat dog business, but, I think I've got my paws in the right door."

Be sure and see Andre Astor and his live talking dog, Oscar, nightly in the Aladdin's Abracadabra, with showtimes at 8 and 11 p.m. dark on Tues.

Free Bets At Riviera Race Book



HOOF IT TO THE RIVIERA RACE BOOK FOR FREE BET — The Riviera Hotel & Casino Race Book is offering free bets during the "Handicapper of the Week" contest that can pay up to \$2,000 per week. One race is highlighted each day (Monday-Friday), and players select one horse per race. The player who wins the most races for the week wins the prize money. In the event of a tie, the player whose winning horses are worth the most points will qualify for the prize money. Cinda Weatherholt waves her lucky tickets, while Sheri Chapman, race book supervisor points out her winning horse. More information on the "Handicapper of the Week" contest can be obtained at the Race Book.

Horse race fans will be "hoofing it" to the Riviera Hotel & Casino's Race Book to place free bets for the "Handicapper of the Week" contest that can pay up to \$2,000 per week.

"Free horse race bets are a dream come true for handicappers and beginners," said Jack Lysaght, director of the Race & Sports Book. "This promotion will pay up to \$2,000 in prize money at no risk to our customer."

One race is highlighted each day, (Monday-Friday) and players select one horse per race. The player who wins the most races for the week wins the prize money.

"In the event of a tie, the player whose winning horses are worth the most points will receive the prize money," Lysaght said.

More information can be obtained at the Riviera Race & Sports Book.

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