Alice ? Why won?t you answer my questions? [1]

(1) Dear Alice,

I am the former adult video actor. I believe I had some legitimate questions that begged for answers. I chose to ask them here because I would be embarrassed in any other forum. And yet my plea fell on deaf ears and was snubbed like any other everyday query. You're either a jealous male who can't get any or a female prude. Shame on you Alice!

(2) Dear Alice,

I have sent in a question about commitment and marriage several months ago, but neither did get a personal response, nor did I see my question posted on your web site. Is submitting questions via "contact us" the correct medium or is there another process? Do several questions never get answered because of the number of questions you receive every day? Is there anything I can do to increase the likelihood of getting a response from you?

Thanks,

P

(3) Dear Alice,

I asked you several questions before and none of them were answered. What should I do?

Answer

Dear Reader #1, P, and Reader #3,

Thanks for writing in questions, hanging out for answers, and suggesting ways to improve this site. Your questions absolutely are legitimate and worthy of answers, as are most inquiries received. In fact, you can check out the related Q&A Why do you answer dumb questions? [2] to see how all types of questions are considered answer-worthy. The decision to answer a particular question is based on a number of factors, including whether or not a similar query has already been addressed on the site. Additionally, the question must fit within one of Go Ask Alice!'s six topic categories. For specific tips on navigating the archives, take a look at some Go Ask Alice! [3] navigation tips [3]. Below are some more key points to keep in mind when determining how to best find information of interest on the site.

Where to ask questions:
The best place to pose your health inquiries to the Go Ask Alice! site, P, is the question box on the Ask Alice! page. All health queries sent from this page are read. It’s good to remember that the site is not a place to get a diagnosis or immediate medical attention. The related Q&A Don’t Go Ask Alice!? Get medical attention immediately provides more details on when to seek care from a health care provider.

Responses to your questions:
All submitted questions, comments, and requests where they're submitted receive a brief “thanks” message, so that you know your submission was received. It isn’t possible, unfortunately, to send individual replies because over a thousand questions are submitted each month. Another factor to consider is that the question asking is designed to be completely anonymous. Keep in mind that there are already thousands of answered questions on the site; you may find your answer or part of your answer just by doing a little digging. For more on this, check out the related Q&A Does Alice respond directly to inquirers?

Increasing your chances of getting an answer:
P, the only way to do this and given the volume of questions Go Ask Alice! receives, it’s far from guaranteed to work is to check the archive first and make sure your question hasn’t been addressed before. This may mean a little bit of searching and reading time, but it could pay off in the way of an answer, other resources, perspective, and more. Searching this and other health-related websites can provide answers and/or leads to other on- and off-line resources, but sometimes it’s best to consult a real, live health professional, such as a nurse, doctor, registered dietician, or counselor especially if you have an urgent or serious health concern.

May you always find answers to your health questions and, if not, Go Ask Alice!

Alice!
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