

"SKYPE" AUTO-ANSWER

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SUMMARY

- Skype's "Auto-answer" feature lets you do video conferencing with your dog, cat, your young child, or anybody that is unable to operate a computer.

No other video conferencing service has this feature for free.

TOPICS

- Free "Auto-answer" Feature Is Unique to Skype
- Setting Up the Remote End for Auto-answer
- YouTube Video of a Dog Getting a Skype Call From Her Human
- Additional Information

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SKYPE'S "AUTO-ANSWER" (continued)

- F.y.i. if you want to set up a computer to do auto-answer for Zoom:
You have to get a separate dedicated not-free "Zoom Rooms" or "Zoom Phone" account for the computer that you want to do the auto-answering (= \$\$\$\$!)
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SETTING UP THE REMOTE END

- The auto-answering side has to have Skype installed into a computer. Cell phones and tablets have Skype apps that cannot do auto-answering

SETTING UP THE REMOTE END

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- Create a unique Microsoft account for your dog or cat. (Do not use any existing Microsoft account.)
- Log into the "Skype" app with the unique Microsoft account.

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- Make sure that the video, speaker, and microphone functions are working from inside Skype

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- Click on the three dots
- Click on "Settings" in the pop-up menu

SETTING UP THE REMOTE END (continued)

- Click on "General"
- Click on "Settings" next to "Automatically start Skype" and make sure that "Skype" is set to start up when "Windows.." is started up

SETTING UP THE REMOTE END (continued)

- Activate "Launch Skype in the background"
- Activate "On close, keep Skype running"

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- Click on "Calling"
- Click on "Only allow Skype calls from contacts to ring on this device"

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- Click on "Advanced"
- Click on "Answer incoming calls automatically"
- Click on "Start my video automatically"
- Click on the "x" in the upper-right corner to close the Skype "Settings" dialog box

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- Go to "Contacts" in the Skype main window:
Set your own Skype account as a contact (otherwise the auto-answering computer will not answer your call to it)

SETTING UP THE REMOTE END (continued)

- Go to the Windows "Control Center"

SETTING UP THE REMOTE END

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- Go to "Power Options":
Create a custom power plan that never turns off the display and never puts the computer to sleep
 - = Sleep after "Never"
 - = Allow Hybrid Sleep "Off"
 - = Hibernate after "Never"

VIDEO OF A DOG GETTING A SKYPE CALL FROM HER HUMAN

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4XPBC0qo68>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- <https://www.instructables.com/Remote-Security-w-Skype/>
- <https://www.supertintin.com/blog/skype-recorder/skype-cctv-using-skype-for-your-home-surveillance>
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