

# SHOCKING CONFESSION!



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like other addicts. And she's an actress, she seems to know how to hide her drug-taking and lie about it.

"I bet Antonio is used to Melanie's drug problem as he's been with her for 10 years. But he was scared to death when she relapsed yet again.

"He loves her with all his heart, and he realizes that as the years go on, if she continues to use drugs, her long-term health could really suffer.

"She's going on 50, and her drug use dates back to her youth - and he wants her to live a nice long life."

**TORMENT:** Melanie has the support of husband Antonio Banderas, right

Melanie, daughter of veteran movie star Tippi Hedren, has a long, sad history of substance abuse.

She has admitted to first dabbling in drugs when she was just 14 years old. In 1988, she entered Hazelden Clinic in Minnesota to treat her drug and alcohol addiction.

In 2000, she was treated at Daniel Freeman Recovery Center in Marina del Rey, Calif., for an addiction



to the prescription drug Vicodin.

In 2002, she admitted publicly that she would smoke pot with her kids, thinking it would prevent them from buying street drugs. But she later said she regretted the statement.

Melanie, who was twice married to actor Don Johnson, has three children - Alexander, 20, Dakota, 16, and nine-year-old Stella.

The Oscar and Emmy-nominated actress and Golden Globe winner as worked in showbiz since she was 11 years old and her last movie role was in the 2003 film *Tempo*.

Said the friend: "Melanie is a sweet and beautiful person, inside and out, and all her friends and family are behind her, and hope that this time around she will beat her demons once and for all."

