

Helping Workplaces Go To the Dogs

New book from The HSUS provides tips for a canine-friendly office

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While folks working in shelters have plenty of pooches in their “offices,” most workers aren’t so lucky. And that’s a shame, since the bundle of love lying beneath your desk can do more than keep you company as you work. Studies show she can reduce your stress, raise morale, give you and your co-workers something to talk about, and even boost productivity.

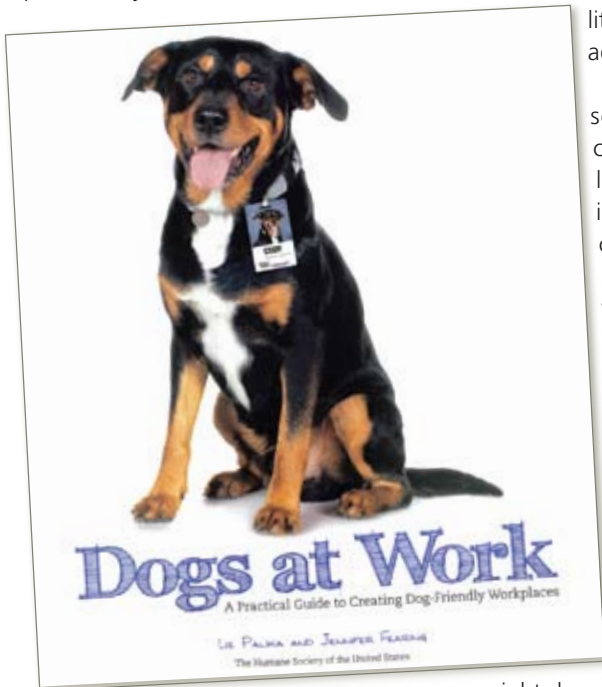
We want to bring our dogs to work, the authors note, citing interviews and research showing that millions of Americans believe workplace pooches spur creativity, reduce absenteeism, and create better relations between workers and management. Dogs make people happy, and happy workers tend to be more productive. What’s more, with long working hours serving as an impediment to many people’s ability to keep a pet, cultivating dog-friendly workplaces can be a little step toward enabling more adoptions!

The book offers potential solutions to such management concerns as house-training, allergies, and legal and liability issues. A chapter devoted to creating a dog-friendly workplace explains how to survey workers and create the committees that will establish and implement the policy.

To hold up their end of the bargain, dog owners must make sure their pets are well-trained and socialized—in short, friendly toward the people and other dogs they’ll encounter at work. The second section of the book includes tips on choosing the right dog and obedience training. An appendix features sample employee surveys, dogs-in-the-workplace policies, and case studies of organizations that have opened their doors to dogs.

Dogs at Work: A Practical Guide to Creating Dog-Friendly Workplaces (\$21.95 plus shipping and sales tax) is available from Humane Society Press at humanesociety.org/hspress. AS

Dogs at Work: A Practical Guide to Creating Dog-Friendly Workplaces, a new book published by The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), explains why dogs at work can be good for employees’ souls as well as the organization’s bottom line. Authors Liz Palika (a writer specializing in pet topics) and Jennifer Fearing (The HSUS’s chief economist) also address some potential problems and provide a step-by-step guide to getting your office ready for dogs—and vice versa.



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