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## Help Win Over Your Boss

According to a recent survey conducted by The American Pet Products Manufacturers Association (APPMA), nearly one in five companies in the United States allow pets in the workplace.

The survey, which polled working Americans 18 years of age and over, showed some strikingly positive opinions towards pets in the workplace:

According to the survey:

- ❖ 55 million Americans believe having pets in the workplace leads to a more creative environment
- ❖ 53 million believe having pets in the workplace decreases absenteeism
- ❖ 50 million believe having pets in the workplace helps co-workers get along better
- ❖ 38 million believe having pets in the workplace creates a more productive work environment
- ❖ 32 million believe having pets in the workplace decreases smoking in the workplace
- ❖ 37 million believe having pets in the workplace helps improve the relationship between managers and their employees
- ❖ And, 46 million people who bring their pets to the workplace work longer hours

Source: APPMA 2006 Survey

## 7 Rules for Success

### 1) Do an office check.

Check with management and co-workers to see if anyone is allergic, afraid of or opposed to you bringing your dog to work for this one special day.

### 2) Puppy-proof your work space.

Remove poisonous plants, hide electrical cords and wires and secure toxic items such as correction fluid, permanent markers, etc. Any office items in question should be placed out of your dog's reach.

### 3) Bathe and groom your dog before its office debut.

Be sure its shots are up-to-date. If your dog appears sick, don't bring it to the office. Dogs that are aggressive or overly shy should not accompany you to work. Instead, consider bringing a favorite picture of your pooch.

### 4) Prepare a doggie bag.

Include food, treats, bowls, toys, leash, paper towels, clean-up bags and pet-safe disinfectant (just in case). If you are routinely in and out of your work space, consider bringing a portable kennel for your dog's comfort and your peace of mind.

### 5) Plan your pet's feeding times carefully.

Be sure to choose an appropriate area for your dog to relieve himself afterward.

### 6) Avoid forcing co-workers to interact with your dog.

Dog lovers will make themselves known. To avoid pet accidents, monitor the amount of treats your pet is being given. Remember that chocolate, candy and other people food should not be shared with dogs.

### 7) Have an exit strategy.

Although most dogs enjoy TYDTWDay, your pet may not. Should your dog become overly boisterous, agitated or withdrawn, consider taking him or her home. Most companies allow for this on TYDTWDay. Never, under any circumstance, leave your pet alone in a vehicle while you work.