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Professional Pet Sitters Suggest “Woof”-Friendly Tactics When Taking Your Dog to Work

NAPPS urges pet parents to consider Fido’s comfort when taking pets to work

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. — Pet-friendly work environments are on the rise, and many pet parents occasionally choose to take their pets to their place of business. The National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (NAPPS) is an advocate for the welfare of animals, and urges pet parents to place the ultimate safety and comfort of their pets as first priority when taking their pet to work.

“The unfamiliar office environment can place stress on dogs, and introduce them to allergens, diseases, fleas and ticks from other pets,” stated Monica Leighton, President of the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters. “The pet’s well-being should be carefully considered before placing him in the office setting.”

For pet parents who choose to take their dogs to work, NAPPS provides suggestions to make the day a positive experience:

- Is your dog prepared for the commute to work? Consult with your veterinarian and professional pet sitter about anxiety-relieving tactics and medicine if necessary.
- Is your dog prone to barking when placed in a new situation? Consider how your pet will react to new faces and other dogs in the workplace, and identify a safe place to retreat should the environment become hectic.
- Show courtesy to your coworkers by asking if they have allergies prior to the event.
- Create a plan for feeding, walking, and relieving your pet throughout the day.
- Make sure your pet is up-to-date on vaccinations, flea, and tick treatments prior to entering the office environment.
- Keep your pooch away from other dogs’ water bowls, as this can spread illness and disease.
- Identify a coworker willing to care for your pet should you be called into an extended meeting or phone call.

“NAPPS believes that with the right precautions, pet parents can enjoy a pleasant day at work with their dog,” commented Leighton. “We encourage pet parents to keep their dogs’ best interest and welfare at heart when considering bringing the pet to work.”

About NAPPS: NAPPS is a national non-profit trade association dedicated to promoting the welfare of animals. The Association aims to help the pet-owning public, those interested in pet sitting, and professionals engaged in the in-home pet care industry by fulfilling its vision statement, “To be the most respected authority in professional pet sitting.” It does so by providing the tools and support to foster the success of its members. Additionally, pet parents can benefit from NAPPS’ free resources including a disaster preparedness guide, tips on how to select a pet sitter, nationwide referral service, and quarterly teleconferences aimed to educate the pet owning public. To find a pet sitter in your area, check out NAPPS’ nationwide “Pet Sitter Locator” at www.petsitters.org. For more information on NAPPS, please follow [@TheNAPPS](https://twitter.com/TheNAPPS) on Twitter or find NAPPS on Facebook at facebook.com/TheNAPPS.

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