

THE WORKPLACE AND DOGS









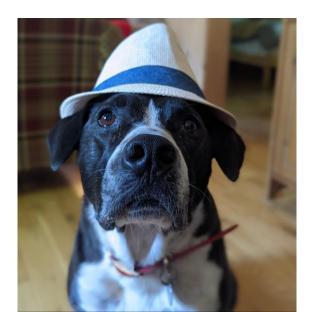




WHO'S THIS GUY

• About me:

- Filled many roles from retail sales to VP since 1995
- Met many dogs in business engagements
- Dog owner since 2018 (@coopermutt)
- Learned many things along the way (the hard way)
- Try not to be boring





WHO THIS IS FOR

- Human resources professionals
- Managers and entrepreneurs looking to enhance the employee experience
- Hiring managers
- Curious business people





PANDEMIC DOGS

- With the pandemic, your colleagues and employees adopted dogs
- Dogs get separation anxiety
- Humans get separation anxiety
- Employers are somewhat stuck in this





HR BENEFITS

- Stress reduction: many studies!
 - Productivity, anyone?
- Exercise
 - Dogs
 - Humans
- Overall office mood & bonding
- Office therapy dog services also exist





OBSCURE PRACTICE?

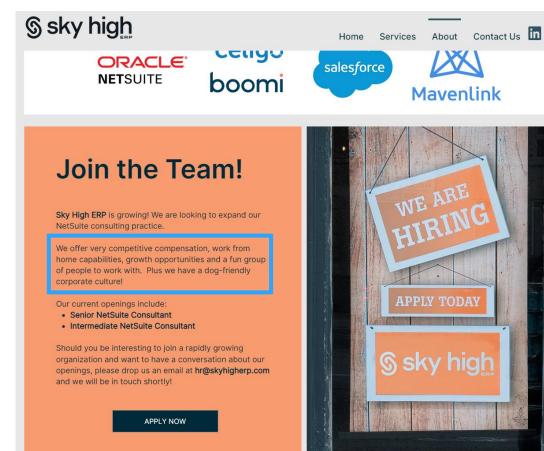
• "We allow dogs in the office" is an interesting play

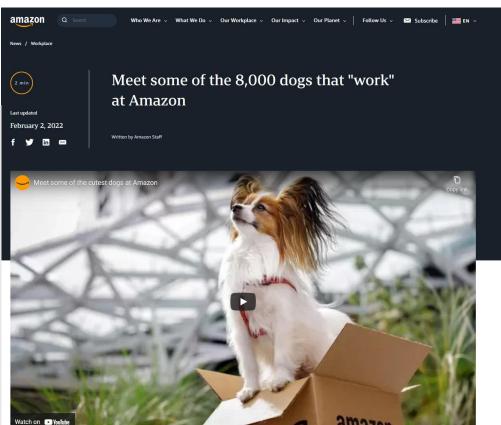


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RECRUITMENT

• Make it a benefit!

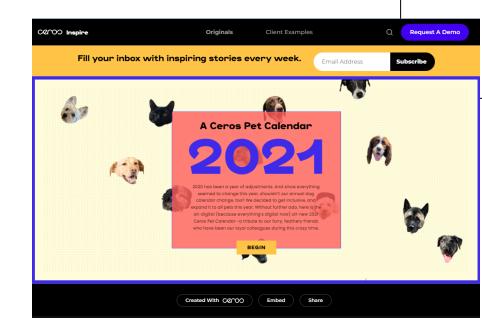






BRAND MANAGEMENT

- Be different
- Use your own dog food
- Social engagement marketing (see my video!)

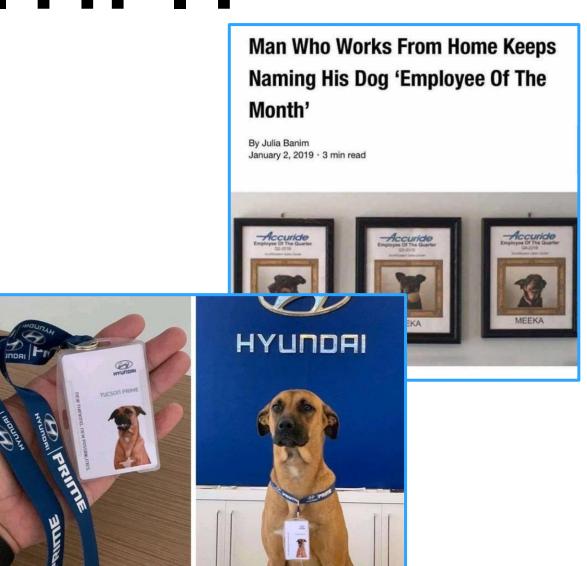


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HAVE FUN WITH IT

- Dog birthday calendar
- Halloween
- Winter holidays
- Organized lunchtime walks
- Caption contests
- Employee news
- Pet sitting for non-owners!



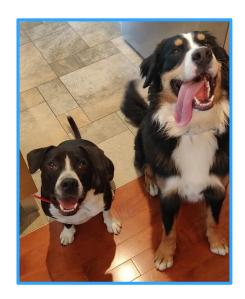




MAKING IT WORK

- Ask your landlord!
- Common sense prevails
 - Be respectful it's everybody's workplace
 - Dogs have allergies, too
 - Offices have doorbells, too
 - Dogs can be distractions
 - Gear: employee or employer?
 - Pet-proofing!
- "Dog committee"
 - Rules of engagement (vaccinations!)
 - Which dogs "pass the test"
 - The dog's owner is responsible
 - Intranet/Wiki





SUGGESTED OFFICE ITEMS

- Welcome sign at front door
- Water bowls
- Poop bags
- Beds (branded?)
- A few leashes
- Treats (non-allergic)
- Towels
- Branded bandanas
- Chew toys
- Formalwear





REFERENCES

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THANK YOU



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