

**June 26 just may be the best day of the year**

In the late '90s, I worked for Amazon.com in Seattle. Our offices were at Pine and Second streets, two blocks from Pike Place Market. I could walk to the original Starbucks for coffee, pick up fresh produce for dinner and be back in the office in less than a half-hour.



It was the first job I had where there was no set work schedule. Not having to be at work at a specific time eliminates an incredible amount of stress in your life. As long as you got your work done, you could work whatever hours you wished, and some people worked some really odd hours.

Another great thing was that the building was dog-friendly, and quite a few people brought their dogs to work, including me. Having dogs in an office was rather progressive at the time, but then Amazon.com was a pretty progressive company. I have wonderful memories of my time there. In addition to my job and friends that I made, I loved

having dogs in the office and being able to bring mine. Now, a dog-friendly office is a requirement for me.

This year, June 26 is Take Your Dog to Work Day (TYDTW). Initiated in 1999 by Pet Sitters International, TYDTW is an annual event that encourages employers to experience the value of pets in their workplace for this one special day and to encourage their adoption from humane societies, shelters and rescue organizations. (See [www.takeyourdog.com](http://www.takeyourdog.com) to find out more.)

In honor of TYDTW Day, Heidi Vanderbilt tracked down some of the Tucson dogs that get to go work. I'm not sure who has it better, the dogs — Jake, Canelo, Frodo and Spencer — or their owners, who get to spend the workday with them.

-Gretel Hakanson

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