# iverse house rules

## **CONFERENCE ROOMS**

**Need a meeting to be private?** Please reserve a conference room by name when you send an invite to other participants, keeping in mind that you must also invite the conference room itself. This avoids awkward social interactions with the conference rooms *(the Mastiff, despite its size, is really quite sensitive)* as well as reservation conflicts. Please see the Venn diagram below for clarification.

People who need a conference room, but forget to reserve a conference room

> People who will be kicked out of conference

> > rooms

People who reserve a conference room but forget to invite the conference room

People who need to fight with their cable provider on the phone right now, but are using a room already reserved

# KITCHEN

**To avoid endless negotiation with their unions,** we have opted not to employ elves or your parents to handle the washing of dishes, keeping the fridge clean, and other routine office kitchen maintenance. Instead, we ask that you refer to this handy flowchart to determine your role in such situations. Who knows? You may just learn a new skill!





\*If your dish fills the dishwasher, please run it. If you don't know how, ask a manager who probably won't know either—but can point you to someone who does.





## **Putting Food in the Fridge?**





Throw it away or offer it to a co-worker who might be subsisting on office candy.

NO



## **Dishwasher says CLEAN?**





## **Out of Paper Towels or Kleenex?**

### Paper Towels

Replace the roll on the counter. More can be found on the kitchen shelves and in the storage closet. Kleenex

You're on your own, Felicia. Refill it yourself.



## Empy the water bottle?

#### Can you lift a new one without spilling it?

YES | Please replace with new bottle.



Go get someone from the Sales Department. They're good at doing the heavy lifting.



## Brought Something Smelly for Lunch?

**DOES IT NEED HEATING?** 

YES | Eat at Theo's. NO I Enjoy, but consider a breath mint.

## **OFFICE SPACE**

iVET360 has chosen an open office floor plan to better facilitate our mission as a doggy daycare facility, and to avoid the compulsion to hang annoying motivational posters on cube walls. This requires consideration on the part of all employees with regard to office noise. Be advised that the following behaviors could result in a **RED FLAG**, which co-workers employ to remind others that they need to lower their volume or activity level:

## PHONE CALLS ARE KIND OF IMPORTANT HERE

If someone is on the phone in your pod and you're laughing loudly at a gif thread on Slack or whining at a high volume about your draft picks in the football pool.

#### CHIT THE CHAT, BUT DO SO RESPECTFULLY

You're exuberantly chatting up a co-worker about the food carts, or your weekend plans, or that totally insane practice manager in Florida, and someone in your pod or an adjacent area is on the phone (hopefully not with the same practice manager).

#### SHOW OUR DOGS LOVE WITHOUT BEING DISRUPTIVE

Your dog is playing with you or another dog and is barking or panting/whining/running around at an elevated volume.

### WE'RE ALL MOTIVATED, NOT BY YOUR TASTE IN POSTERS

You decide a motivational poster would look great on one of our office walls.























## **Q:** I'm bringing my dog to the office for the first time. What do I need to do?

**Andre:** First, you can plan on having your least productive day at work, because you'll be worried about your dog fitting in, adjusting ok, and not having accidents. That's why it's asked that we all alert office staff on the Slack **#dogs** channel whenever we plan to bring a dog. On the day you bring your dog to work for the first time, we'll make sure he or she will be the only one in that day. This is to allow your pet to acclimate to the office environment without the distraction of another dog. It also helps avoid having canines in the office who may have conflicting personalities/energy levels. This is usually unnecessary, however, if your pet is a Boston Terrier like myself: we're incredibly well-adjusted and universally loved by all.

### Q: My dog is pretty food-obsessed. Can she still come to the office?

**Andre:** Sure—provided that you monitor your pet so that she doesn't continually bother co-workers for food, steal lunches and snacks, or is food aggressive. If it becomes a problem, you will need to take your pet home. This will not be a concern if your pet is lucky enough to be a Boston Terrier: we are unfailingly well-behaved and food/treats rain down on us regularly as a gift for our very presence.

#### **Q:** My dog will be coming in with another dog he hasn't met. How do I handle this?

**Andre:** Well, if you had a Boston Terrier, this wouldn't be an issue (see Question #1). However, I recognize that some dogs aren't as charismatic as me, so we ask that you keep your pet on a leash while meeting the other dog (who should also be on a leash). Take them for a walk together around the office to give them a chance to sniff parts and assess the other dog to ensure they'll get along.

### **Q:** I have a high-energy canine. How do I handle this in the office?

**Andre:** Rambunctious dogs do need to be restrained so that they don't disrupt office operations. You can leash them at your desk or use one of the adjustable pens we provide in the office. It's important to know your dog's needs and see that they get regular potty breaks—dogs that have repeated accidents will be asked to stay home. Regular short walks and quiet toys/chewies also help your pet stay settled in the office. If your dog and another want to play, please make sure their activity isn't loud or distracting to your co-workers—or to me, when I am napping in a totally adorable position. #bostonsofinstagram

Have a dog etiquette question for Andre? Submit it to **hromano@ivet360.com**.



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