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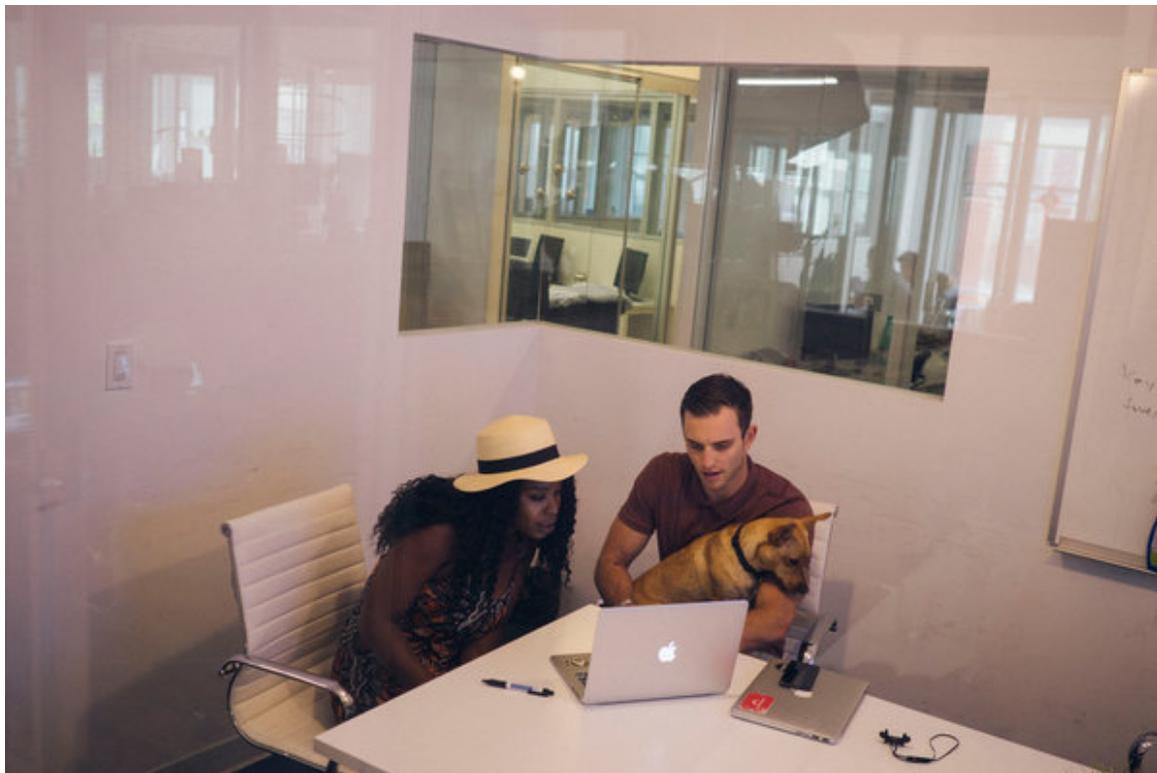
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Where Every Day Is ‘Take Your Dog to Work Day’

By ALEXANDRA S. LEVINE



Pip the dog attends or skips meetings as he pleases. John Taggart for The New York Times

Good morning on this soggy Friday.

Meet Pip.

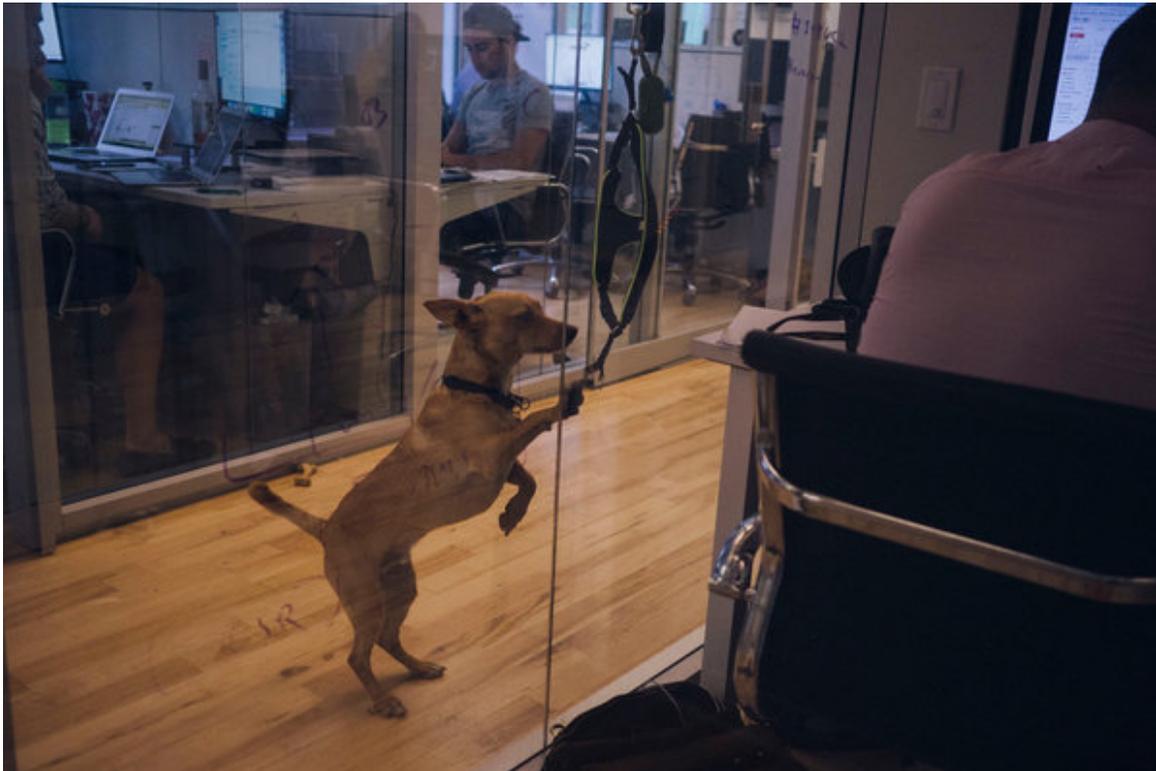
He’s a 10-month-old rescue pup who goes to the office every day with his owner, not just on [Take Your Dog to Work Day](#), which is today.

(The unofficial holiday was first promoted in 1999 by [Pet Sitters International](#), a group that offers certification by correspondence course for professional pet sitters.)

Pip doesn't have to deal with [subway delays](#) on his morning commute. Instead, he takes a leisurely walk from his East Village apartment to [Alley](#), a co-working space in Chelsea. He rolls in between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., and attends or skips company meetings as he pleases. He often spends his workday looking for new toys, foraging for treats and snoozing on a plush gray couch.

“He views himself as king of the office,” said his owner, [Carl Niedbala](#), the chief operating officer of [Founder Shield](#), an insurance brokerage aimed at start-ups, which operates out of the building. “But a benevolent king, not a tyrant.”

Pip, who was found on the streets of Los Angeles and was then transferred to [Waggytail Rescue](#) in New York in October, is part Chihuahua, part Pomeranian and part Jack Russell terrier.



“Don't start without me!”

John Taggart for The New York Times

We sat through an afternoon meeting with Pip, who was riveted by a slide show presentation — his tail curled and his ears pricked up. But when the terms “search engine optimization” and “cyber insurance” started being thrown around, Pip

began to yawn, shift between a chair and the floor, and sniff wires and electrical sockets beneath the table.

Then his focus turned to a French bulldog named Emma, who strutted by on a neon pink leash. But she is not his only canine co-worker. There's also a Scottish terrier named Roosevelt and a golden doodle named Dawkins.

Pip's unofficial role at the company is bringing people together.

He has "started conversations from running up to people, and they've become clients," Mr. Niedbala said. Having dogs on staff (and even on a person's lap) can put potential clients and investors at ease, he explained.

Pip, he said, is also a major morale booster.

"It's the same way people look at a campfire — something that fully takes your attention away from whatever is stressing you out at the time," Mr. Niedbala said. "You get distracted by Pip for 10 minutes, and then you feel better."

What do you think of [Take Your Dog to Work Day](#)? Should it be every day, or never? Let us know in the comments.

Here's what else is happening:

Weather

We're in for a damp one.

Showers are likely all day, with a chance of thunder in the afternoon.

[The high is 83](#), but it'll feel like 88 with all the moisture in the air.

Let's hope there aren't too many wet dogs in the office today.

In the News

- After the legislative session ended with no deal on mayoral control of schools, lawmakers had plenty of blame to offer but few solutions. [[New York Times](#)]
- Joseph J. Lhota, who stepped down as chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in 2012 to run for mayor, will return to the post. [[New York Times](#)]



Joseph J. Lhota campaigning for mayor in 2013.

Damon Winter/The New York Times

- A Bronx man who the authorities said had been on his way to join the Islamic State in Syria was arrested at Kennedy International Airport on Wednesday night. [[New York Times](#)]
- The Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn announced plans to compensate hundreds of people abused as children by its priests and deacons. [[New York Times](#)]
- The Buffalo Board of Education is weighing whether to remove one of its members, who made racist remarks about the Obamas in December. [[New York Times](#)]
- A last-minute bill to name the new Tappan Zee Bridge after Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's father failed to pass the Assembly. [[New York Times](#)]





There had long been speculation that Governor Cuomo might want to name the bridge after his father.

Andrew Burton/Getty Images

- Pete Flynn, a groundskeeper for the Mets since the team's inception in 1962, has died at 79. [[New York Times](#)]
- In "Big City," Ginia Bellafante writes about a publicly subsidized middle-income housing complex that is telling its poorer neighbors to keep out. [[New York Times](#)]
- The 25 miles of the Belt Parkway may be New York's version of California's Pacific Coast Highway. [[New York Times](#)]



Fishermen at the American Veterans Memorial Pier, near Belt Parkway.

Johnny Milano for The New York Times

- City officials started a campaign to fight housing discrimination against

immigrants. [[DNAinfo](#)]

- The City Council voted to ban wild animals at circuses, but the bill will only affect UniverSoul, the city's one remaining circus. [[NY1](#)]
- Scoreboard: [Angels purify Yankees](#), 10-5. [Dodgers wallop Mets](#), 6-3.
- For a global look at what's happening, see [Your Friday Briefing](#).

Coming Up Today

- Day 1 of the [Harlem Arts Festival](#) in Marcus Garvey Park, which continues through Sunday. [Schedule](#) and [ticket prices](#) vary.
- [Celebrate NYC Pride](#) at the Met with a silent dance party, a “selfie station,” drinks and panel discussions. 5 p.m. [\$25 suggested admission]
- Enjoy [a night of blues, rock and folk music](#) in the chapel at Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn. 7:30 p.m. [\$100]
- [Dance Week](#) continues with [free dance, fitness and wellness classes](#) at studios across the city. Times vary. [[Register here](#)]
- Yankees host Rangers, 7:05 p.m. (YES). Liberty host Sun, 7:30 p.m. Mets at Giants, 10:15 p.m. (SNY).
- Alternate-side parking remains [in effect](#) until Sunday.
- Weekend travel hassles: Check [subway disruptions](#) and a [list of street closings](#).

The Weekend

Saturday

- [La Isla Bonita arts and music festival](#) takes over Faber Pool & Park on Staten Island. 3 to 8 p.m. [Free]
- Enjoy an outdoor concert by the [Ricardo “Panman” Steel Panband](#), at the Beach 20th Street Pedestrian Plaza in Far Rockaway, Queens. 4 p.m. [Free]
- Visit [Chihuly Nights](#), an illuminated display of the artist [Dale Chihuly's vibrant glass sculptures](#), at the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx. 6:00 to 10:00

[glass sculptures](#), at the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx. 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. [\$35, [tickets here](#)]

- The NYC Pride festivities continue with [Slay: Pride Edition](#), a hip-hop party at Brooklyn Bowl on Wythe Avenue. 12 a.m. [[Tickets](#) start at \$10]
- Yankees host Rangers, 1:05 p.m. (YES). New York Red Bulls host New York City F.C., 1:30 p.m. (MLS LIVE). Mets at Giants, 7:15 p.m. (FOX).

Sunday

- [The Pride March](#) parades from 36th Street and Fifth Avenue to Christopher and Greenwich Streets in the West Village, beginning at noon.
- ... And the [PrideFest](#) street fair, [Femme Fatale](#) rooftop party for women, and [Pride Island](#) concert take place in Manhattan. Times and prices vary.
- Watch some “[Magic at Coney](#)” at the Coney Island Museum in Brooklyn. Noon. [\$5 for children, \$10 for adults]
- Aasif Mandvi, the comedian and former “Daily Show” correspondent, performs at [the Peoples Improv Theater](#) in Flatiron. 8 p.m. [\$10]
- Yankees host Rangers, 2:05 p.m. (YES). Mets at Giants, 4:05 p.m. (SNY).
- For more events, see The New York Times’s [Arts & Entertainment guide](#).

And Finally...





Michelangelo in Manhattan.

Eugene Gologursky/Getty Images For Westfield

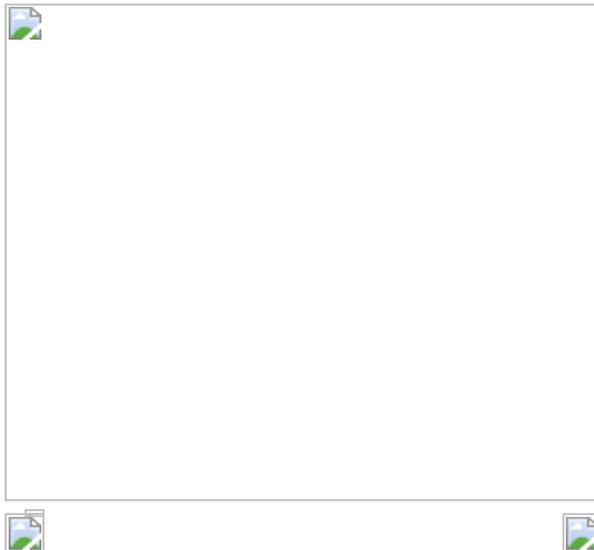
If you've always wanted to visit Michelangelo's masterpieces in the Sistine Chapel, but can't make it to Rome anytime soon, now is your chance to see the frescoes a few subway stops away.

Beginning today, you can view life-size reproductions of the artist's work from the Vatican in a monthlong immersive exhibit inside the World Trade Center Transportation Hub.

[Here's a sneak peek](#). You might be as delighted as we were to learn that you can see "The Creation of Adam" and "The Last Judgment" up close. And, hey — perhaps Renaissance art at [a major transit hub](#) is just what this city needs to soothe commuting nerves.

Tickets to "[Up Close: Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel](#)" start at \$15 with discounts, and you can [buy them here](#). The exhibit is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at 186 Greenwich Street.

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Who's That Cat?

By LINDA HERSKOVIC

Dear Diary:

I recently had to put my 22-year-old cat to sleep. She had had a long and happy life.

As I left the vet's office with my empty rolling cat carrier, I remembered the time I had brought her in for a checkup and a woman had yelled out, "Is that Susie?"

Flummoxed, I had nodded and kept going, wondering how this stranger knew my cat's name. Then I looked down at the carrier and saw the huge tag that said "Susie." I had put it there weeks before when I had had to leave her with a specialist. I had totally forgotten the tag was there.

The memory made me smile through the sadness.

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