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Would you take a pay cut if you could bring your dog to work?

85% of employees who have dogs would like to be able to bring them to work, according to a recent survey conducted by office design company Maris Interiors. Only 5% of dog-owners have however actually ever taken their pet to the workplace.

A surprising 38% admitted they would consider changing jobs if it meant they were able to bring their dog in. 16% of dog-owners surveyed would give up one weeks' holiday in order to have their pooch in the office, and 14% would even take a pay cut.

Non-dog owners weren't quite so enthusiastic about the idea – 68% were unhappy to work in an environment with dogs around. Common concerns included fleas, chewed cables, allergies and litter training.

Maris Interiors Chairman Michael Howard said "We should perhaps be a little cautious about encouraging dogs in the workplace. Whilst they might boost morale for the dog-lovers at work, we have to respect the views of the majority of employees who don't have dogs and don't want their cables chewed!"

NOTES FOR EDITOR

1. Maris Interiors LLP is the UK's leading specialist in workplace design and creation. The company design and create world class working environments for occupiers throughout the UK and continental Europe. Their team of experts have extensive and in-depth knowledge of how good design can substantially improve business performance, save substantial amounts of money and help retain and attract key people.
2. 224 people participated in the survey, conducted between 21st – 25th February 2011.

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