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The paws and mews of offices

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S'leepee is a Canine Resource Associate at Lemon Tree Hotel in Guindy—Photo: S.R. Raghunathan

Many establishments in the city have animal employees, who are a source of inspiration, adorable mascots and a much-needed stress buster.

This dreamy-black eyed employee of Lemon Tree Hotel in Guindy is quite a charmer and even has guests go gaga over him. All the attention doesn't distract him from his job as Canine Resource Associate, K9 squad.

S'leepee is a brown-hued Indian dog and is anything but sleepy. "We gave him the name because of his dreamy eyes but he took his name far too seriously. He is the most active guy in the hotel today. He has made the south-east corner of the hotel his home," says Aradhana Lal, vice president- Sustainability Initiatives.

In fact, the hotel chain has a pooch policy, where every hotel across the country has adopted a street dog.

Pointy, the Assistant Administrative Officer is another such employee at Lemon Tree Shimona at Manapakkam. "She is a lady with sharp looks, her tail being her prized asset. Her name is derived from her ability to always face north, no matter what the temptation elsewhere. She keeps a watch on all the happenings at the hotel; thus, we designated her Assistant Administrative Officer," she adds.

Those who have tried, swear by the awesomeness of having a pet at workplace. They are a source of inspiration, adorable mascots and a much-needed stress buster.

Miko, a half-Doberman-half-Labrador is one such happiness vigilante at The Startup Centre, where people work out of an independent bungalow in Thiruvanniyur.

"Miko, the Chief Happiness officer's job is to keep everyone here de-stressed. She has her routine, at 4p.m., she goes up to everyone and plays. Everybody is happy. Also, she is the welcoming party for guests," Vijay Anand, CEO, adding, "I need to put out a sign that says 'Warning: Friendliest Dog Inside'."

An inspiration too

Pets can be an inspiration for creative minds. Ask the 15-member team of Smitten, a design agency and branding firm, where a cat, FM, is the mascot.

She also holds an important designation of Product Quality Supervisor. "Her consistently disappointed look for all of our creatives helps us strive to push boundaries constantly. We owe it all to her, really," say the team of Smitten, collectively.