

How may **canine friends** go to your workplace?

An IT software solutions company in Ringwood, Hampshire believes that they may have the highest number of dogs who join their owners to regularly

work in their open-plan offices considering their team is no larger than 27 staff.

KFA Connect Ltd Operations Director Juliet Ward was one of the first to bring her dogs Kiah and Jazz to work five years ago and says that many clients and suppliers who visit their offices are impressed with the warm welcome offered by some of the eight dogs who daily accompany their owners to work. Other staff own an additional nine dogs, but these only attend on special occasions!

"What is incredible is that all the dogs get on very well. The newest member Maisy, owned by Emily, one of our developers, settled in very fast last summer. Many of the team take their four-legged friends out for walks as a group during their breaks or at lunchtime," said Juliet. "We have never found that the dogs



in the office have put off potential new recruits, and we don't insist that all members of staff are dog owners!"

The directors at £2.5m turnover KFA Connect believe that the furry friends in the workplace have a calming effect on the staff who can often be stressed whilst approaching tight deadlines when updating major IT systems.

"It's very therapeutic to have them in the office and there are so many

other benefits including the fact that the dog does not get left at home all day alone, and there is no need to pay for dog walkers during the day. We just find that the fun of owning a dog also works well in the workplace."

If your workplace can beat the total of eight dogs that attend your workplace, please can you let KFA Connect know by email to info@kfa.co.uk. ■

Sale of **Hyphose** to R&G Acquisitions

Specialist M&A boutique, **TheNonExec, is delighted to have acted for the shareholders in the recent sale of fluid power specialist Hyphose Limited to R&G Acquisitions Limited.**

Based in Lancashire, R&G Acquisitions is the parent company of numerous companies within industrial, hydraulic and pneumatic products across the UK such as Century Hose, Millennium Couplings, Pearson Hydraulics, Hose & Hydraulics Group, Northern Hose & Hydraulics, Ferschl Hydraulics and Pennine Pneumatic Services.

The project was ably supported on the sell-side by M&A legal specialist Steele Raymond LLP with whom TheNonExec worked closely.



M.D. Justin Levine commented: "As an industry specialist in fluid power, R&G Acquisitions was a strong strategic fit for Hyphose. I am confident that all involved will have a tremendous future together!"

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