

# *The Assistant*

*featuring Ms. Smookie Bijoux*



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**Back in March during the COVID-19 pandemic, I hired an assistant. Because of self-isolation there were only two candidates cleared to work in my home office. I considered hiring the below candidate, however he slept through the interview.**



**Therefore, I was left with the only other candidate, Ms. Smookie Bijoux. Full of punk and sass, she is far from an ideal employee. Although I find her annoying, frustrating, and challenging, my family and friends love her. If she was working for any other company, she would likely have been fired by now. But I just don't have the heart. She's got these big brown eyes and every once in while she does something sweet. I hope you appreciate her charisma and if you have any tips on how to handle a spirited employee please let me know. I'm not saying all those gray hairs popping up on my head are because of her, but I do remember a time, not so long ago, when I was a brunette.**

**The following pages represent a day by day account of just some of the issues that have arisen with my assistant. I have never been so thankful for the weekends.**

**Tuesday, March 24, 2020**

**Unfortunately, the assistant I hired doesn't seem to take her job seriously. She's been dogging it all day.**



**Wednesday, March 25, 2020**

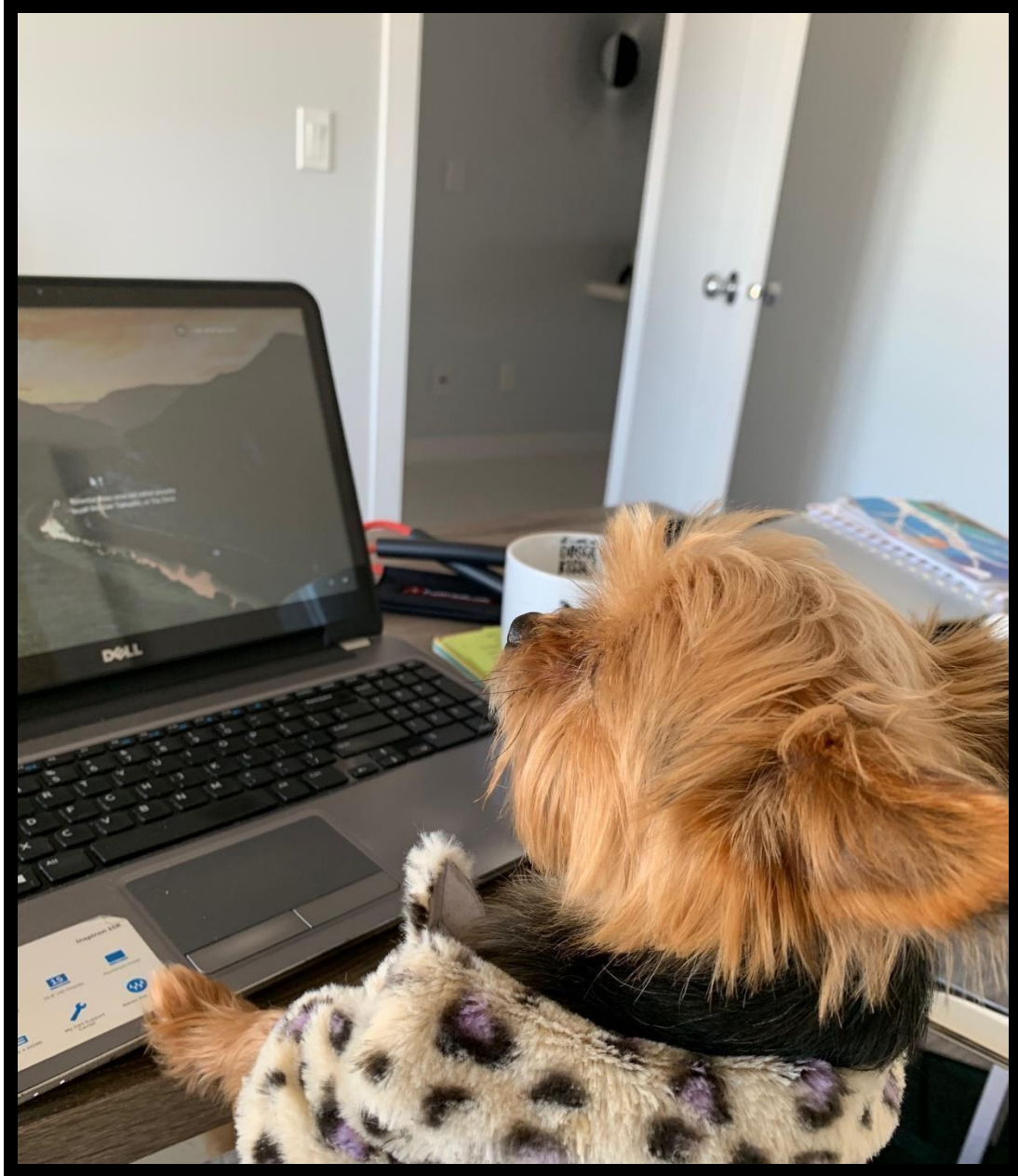
**My assistant came to work with a better attitude today. Should I mention she forgot to wear pants? Or is that nitpicking?**





**Thursday, March 26, 2020**

**Increased my assistant's pay by 10% more kibble and found her at the office working before she had a chance to take her coat off. Still not wearing pants.**



**Friday, March 27, 2020**

**The hottie from accounting is in my office crunching numbers all day. It's no coincidence that my assistant ran home at lunch time and did her hair. Now she's prancing around my desk and not getting any work done.**



**Monday, March 30, 2020**

**My assistant dragged her sorry ass into work an hour late. Yup, definitely hungover. Another non-productive day. One might say she's as sick as a dog.**





**Tuesday, March 31, 2020**

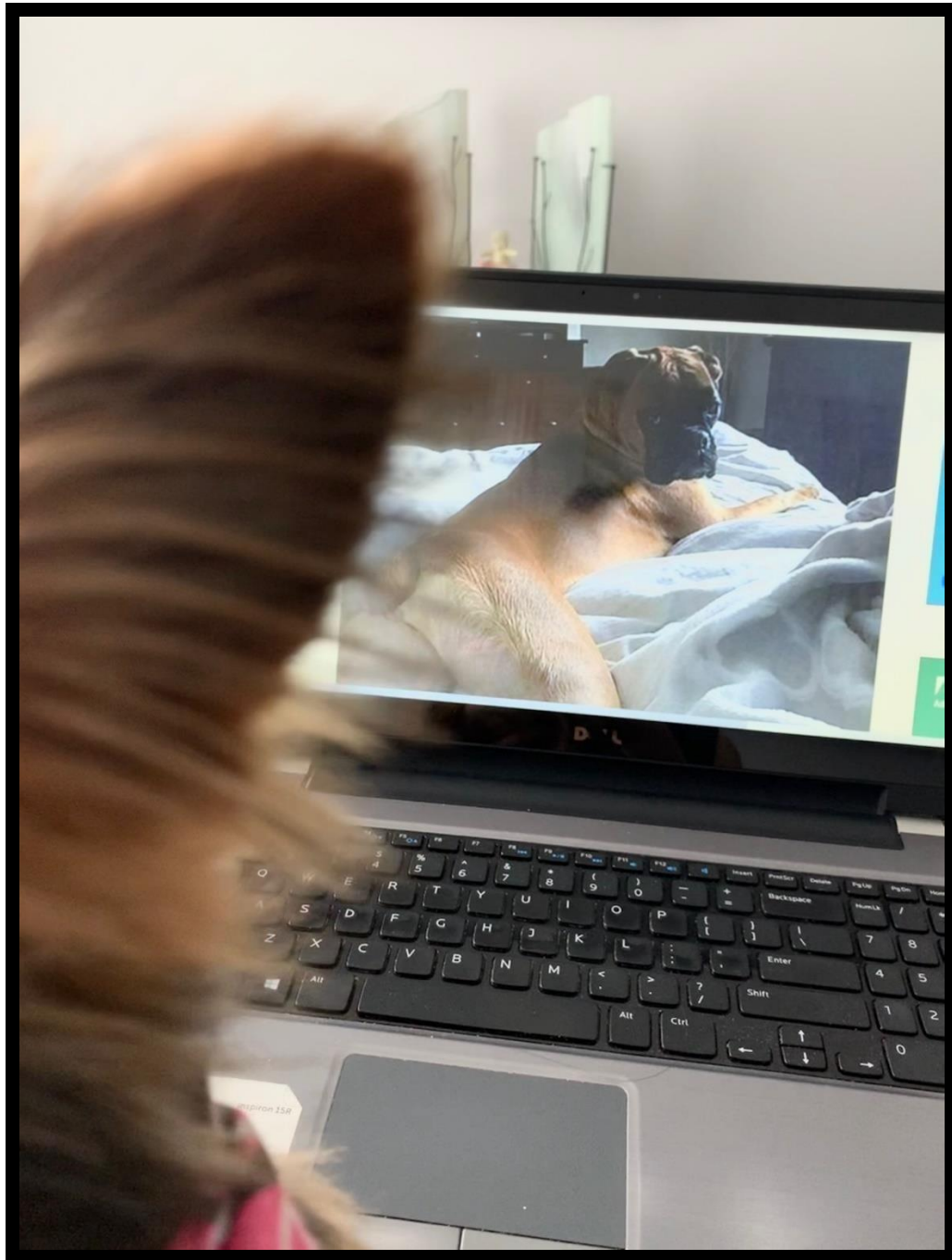
**Found my assistant in the lunchroom eating MY breakfast. She completely ignores social norms. On the plus side she is appropriately attired, wearing a sweater dress that covers her bum.**





**Wednesday, April 1, 2020**

**I was so impressed with my assistant's dedication until I realized what she was doing on the computer. Sent her to HR for the talk.**



**Thursday, April 2, 2020**

**Today during an important meeting, my assistant jumped up on a client's lap and licked him. I was utterly horrified. On a side note, we did get the account.**



**Friday, April 3, 2020**

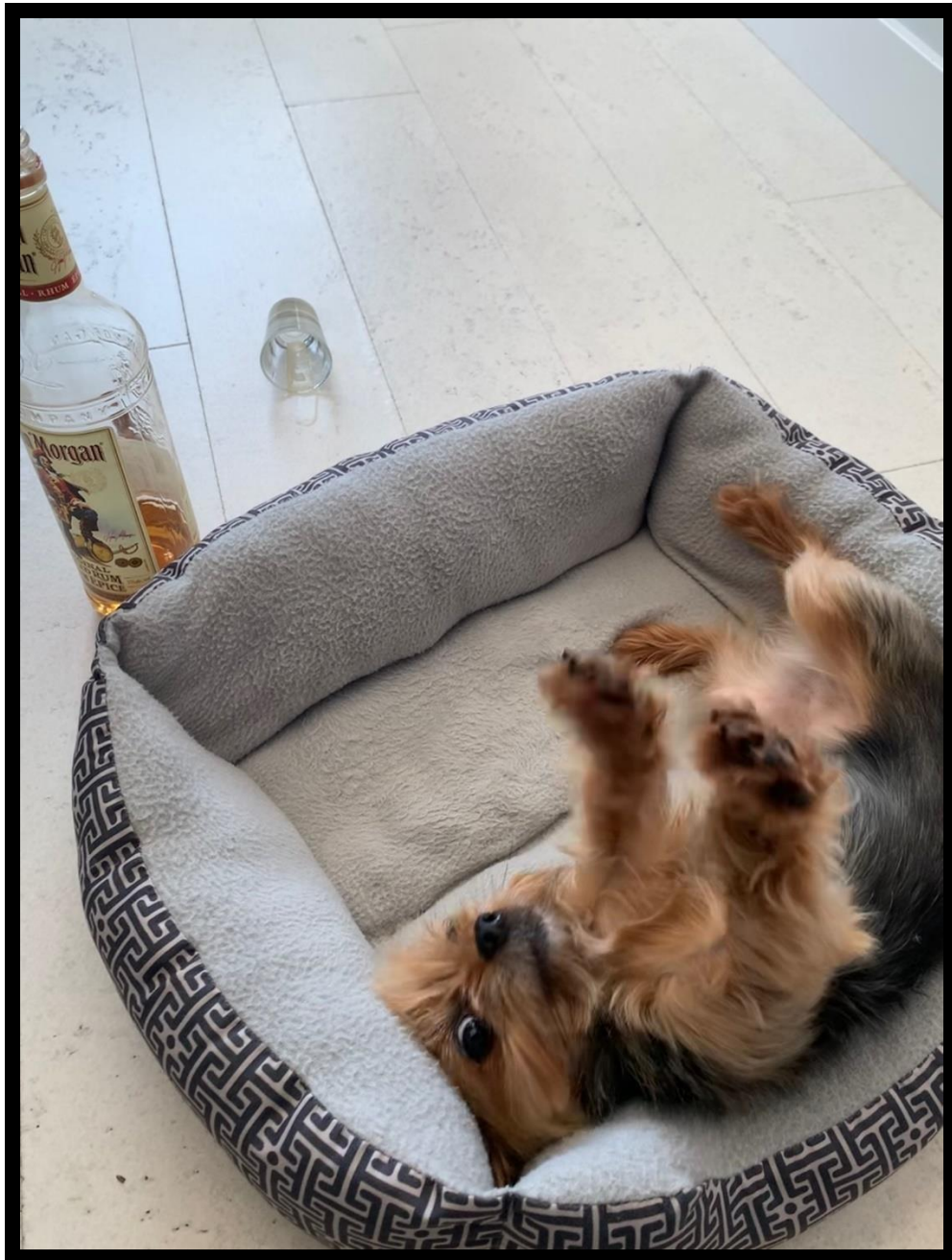
**Went to check on my assistant to see how she was doing on the project I gave her. Found her in the cubicle shaving her legs. Geez, who does that? Decided not to say anything because she did complete the assignment. Just won't be setting my coffee cup down in her workspace.**





**Monday, April 6, 2020**

**My assistant was frustrated preparing the upcoming budget. She left and mumbled something about Morgan. I assumed she was talking about getting advice from the guy in accounting. Found her in the break room sprawled out naked on the floor and giggling.**



**Tuesday, April 7, 2020**

**Feeling bad about yesterday's drinking incident, my assistant offered to clean my office. She did a great job EXCEPT for changing the photos on my desk.**



Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Curious about how my assistant got the job, I went to HR and pulled out her resume. I have so many questions.



## **Resume**

### **Ms. Smookie Bijoux** **(a.k.a Ms. Furbulous)**

**Best Qualities: stubborn, feisty, and domineering (but all in a good way)**

#### **Experience:**

##### **Casual security guard**

**Worked mainly from home - guarding the house and the yard.**

##### **Personal Companion**

**Main duties consisted of following the boss.**

##### **Lap Artist**

**(don't ask)**

#### **Education:**

**Basic obedience, remedial obedience x2, and the "why can't you get this" class**



**Thursday, April 9, 2020**

**My assistant followed me into the executive restroom to tell me about her date last night. I was flabbergasted not only by the invasion of privacy but also by her oversharing. The girl knows no boundaries.**



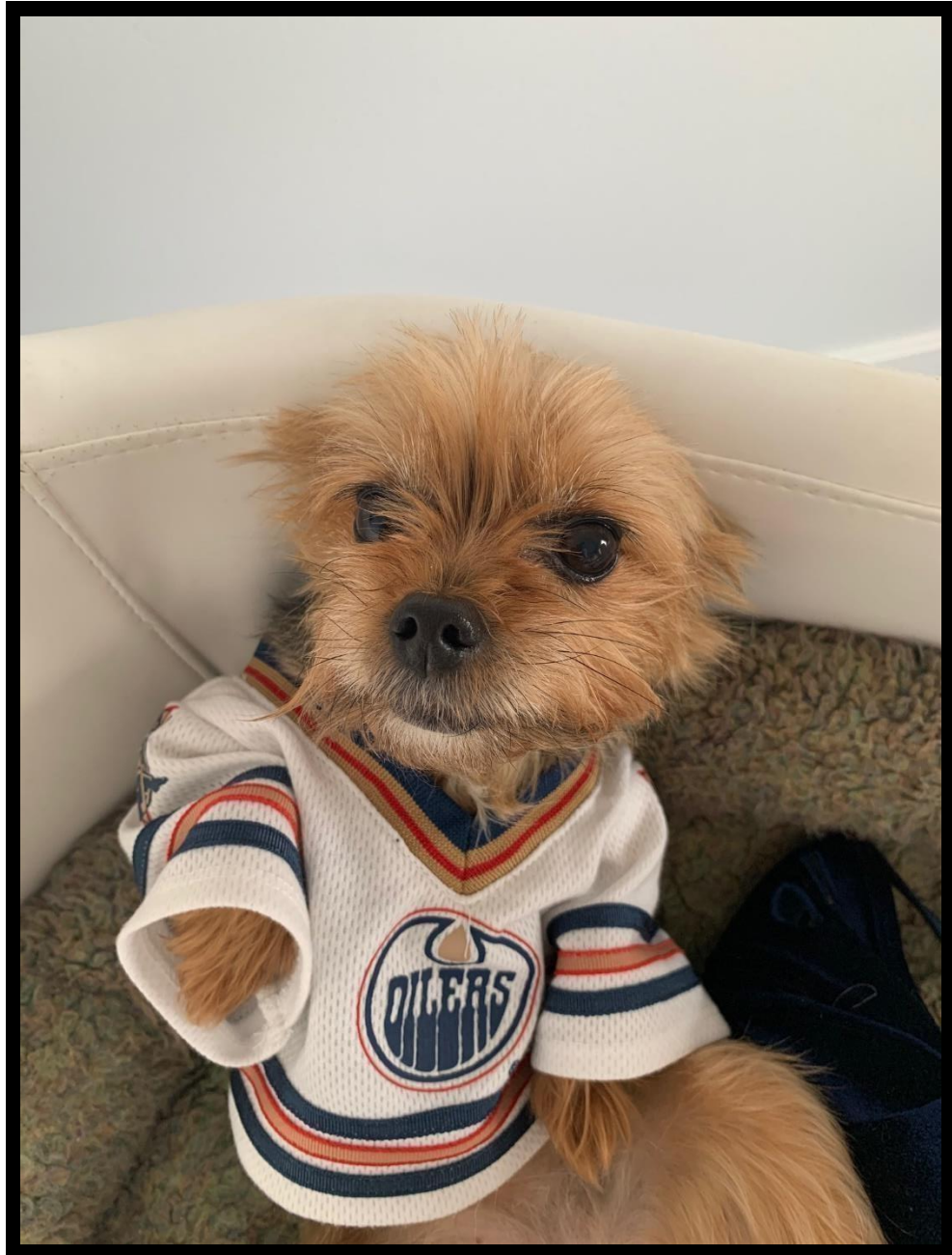
**Monday, April 13, 2020**

**Asked my assistant what's up with the bandana on her head. "Bad hair day," she replied and then handed me a scarf.**



**Tuesday, April 14, 2020**

**My assistant came to work full of energy and in a great mood. “It’s game day,” she kept yelling to all who walked by her cubicle. I didn’t have the heart to tell her tonight’s NHL hockey game is a rebroadcast from 2017.**





**Wednesday, April 15, 2020**

**During yesterday's meeting with HR, my assistant vowed to make changes. I'm guessing progress will be slow.**



**Thursday, March 16, 2020**

**Not only did my assistant spread her lunch all over my desk, but it had to be salmon and potato. Now my office smells of fish. Guess I should be thankful she's not enjoying a liquid lunch...YET.**



Friday, April 17, 2020

Looked all over the place for my assistant. Finally found her in the yoga studio. She has perfected *downward dog*.





**Tuesday, April 21, 2020**

**I'm a bit worried about my assistant. It's normal for her to chew with her mouth open, but now she's eating off the floor. I'm going to buy her some dishes as a gift. I hope she won't be offended.**



**Wednesday, April 22, 2020**

**My assistant must have overheard me talking to HR about my concerns with her eating her lunch off the floor. Not only did she bring in her own set of dishes to the office today, she also gifted me with a coffee mug.**



**Thursday, April 23, 2020**

**My assistant is using her cubicle for activities that are NOT work related. Guess I should be thankful it wasn't my office...this time.**





**Friday, April 24, 2020**

**Found my assistant in the lobby. She alleges she was pruning the flowers, which, incidentally, are fake. Claims the martini glass must belong to one of the guys in shipping and receiving.**



**Monday, April 27, 2020**

**My assistant brought me a gift today. Although I suspect she might have raided the executive restroom, I'm sure she paid for the bow.**



**Tuesday, April 28, 2020**

**My assistant had the nerve to stick out her tongue when I told her to get back to work after a two-hour coffee break. She says reading helps to strengthen her brain and makes her more productive. Valid point but it only works when you actually open a book. She then blamed the author for having a cover that distracted her.**





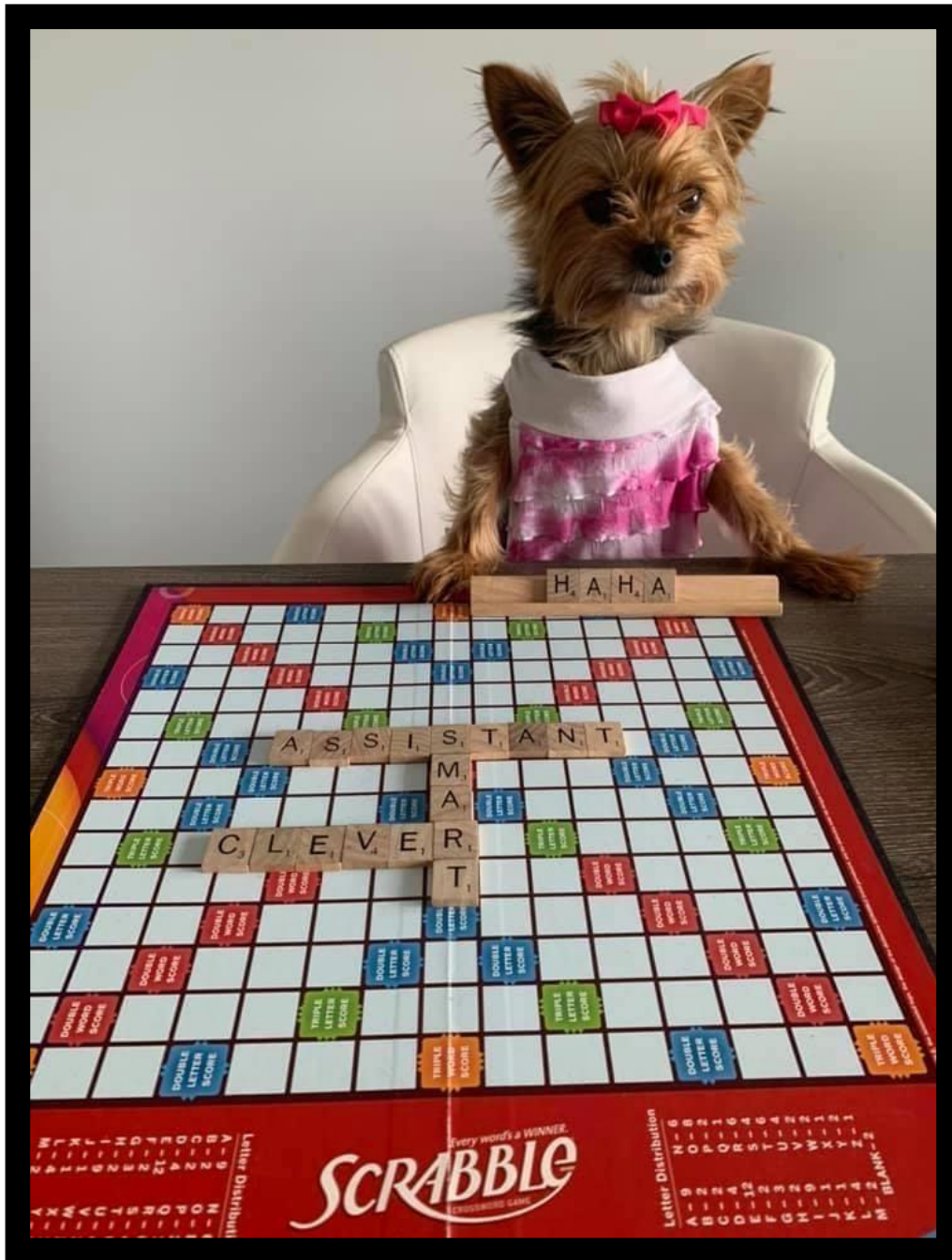
**Wednesday, April 29, 2020**

**My assistant gathered the entire team into the break room to watch the game. Although most of us realized it was the Great One vs the Great 8 showcase (i.e. Gretzky and Ovechkin playing a video game), we did enjoy a great game of hockey and the Oiler win. Kudos to my assistant for her leadership skills.**



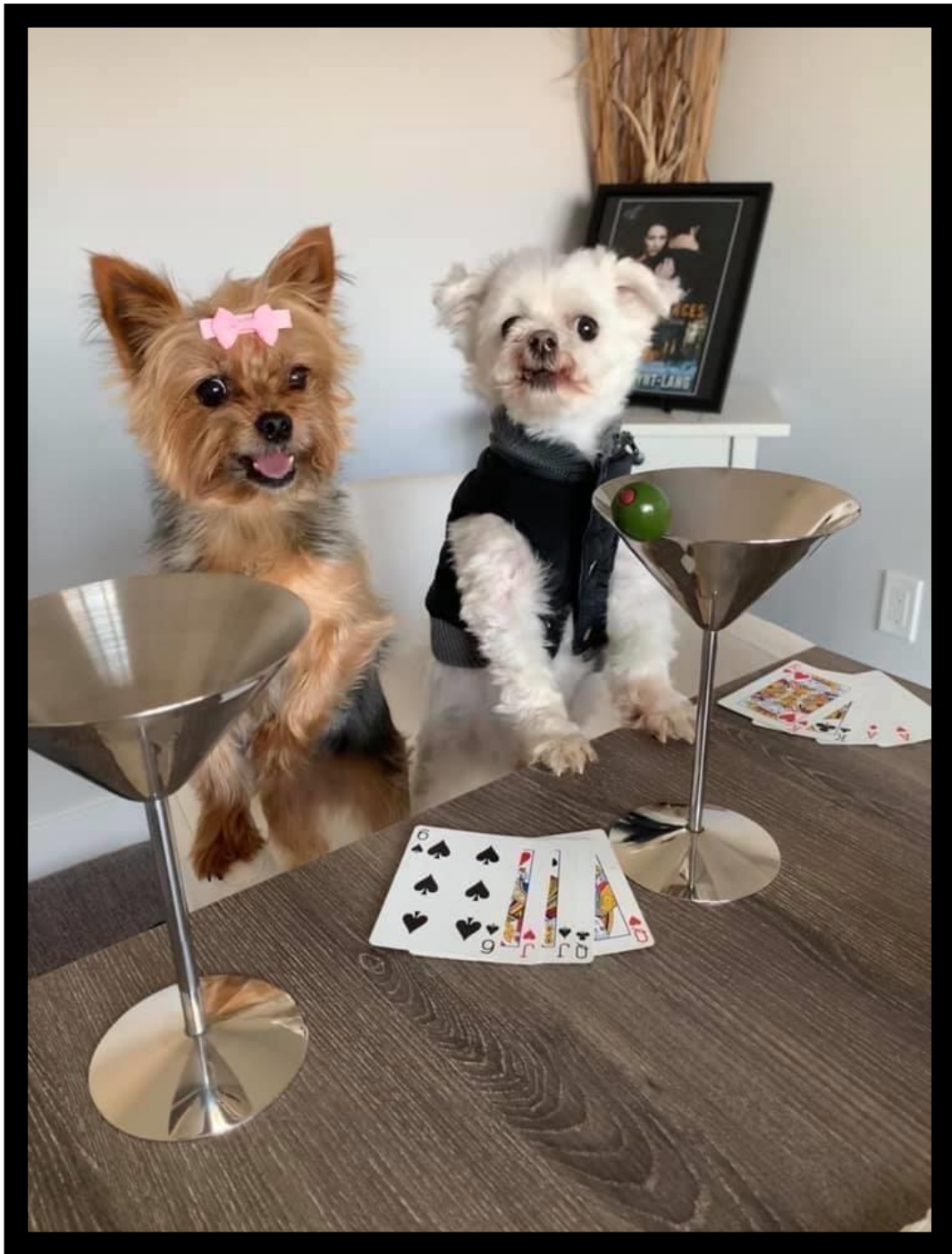
Thursday, April 30, 2020

My Assistant was on yet another long break. Today she's playing Scrabble with the guy from accounting. He might be good with numbers but she's better at words.



**Friday, May 1, 2020**

**My assistant volunteered to work late and catch up on her assignments. None too impressed when I returned to the office and found her guzzling martinis and playing strip poker in my office with the guy from accounting.**





**Monday, May 4, 2020**

**Not sure what's up with my assistant.**

**Is she hung over?**

**Is she hiding from someone?**

**Or did she just get back from a weekend in Monaco? Whatever it is, I'm just glad to see her working.**



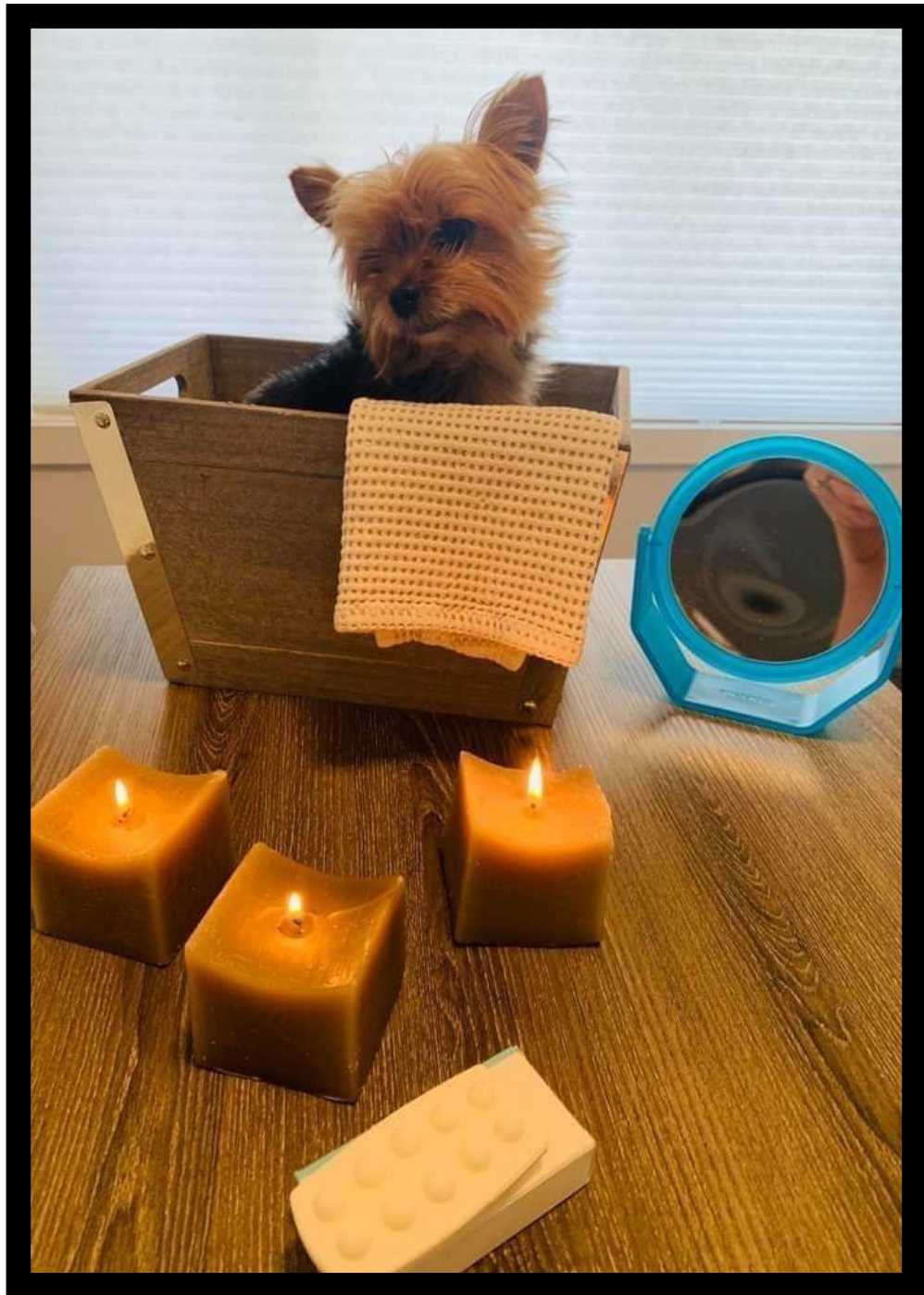
**Tuesday, May 5, 2020**

Using her not too subtle ways, my assistant is knitting a blanket because she finds it cold in the office. Perhaps if she wore pants, she would be warm.



**Wednesday, May 6, 2020**

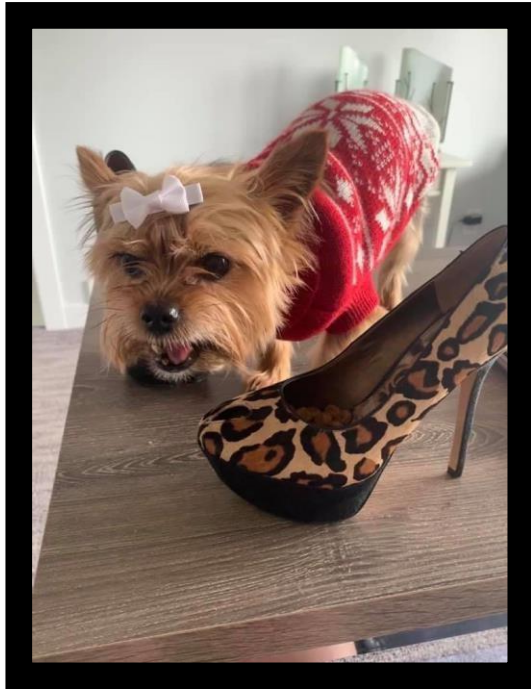
**When I discreetly took my assistant aside to talk about her hygiene (apparently she washes only twice a month), I hadn't meant for her bathe at the office...and out in the open.**





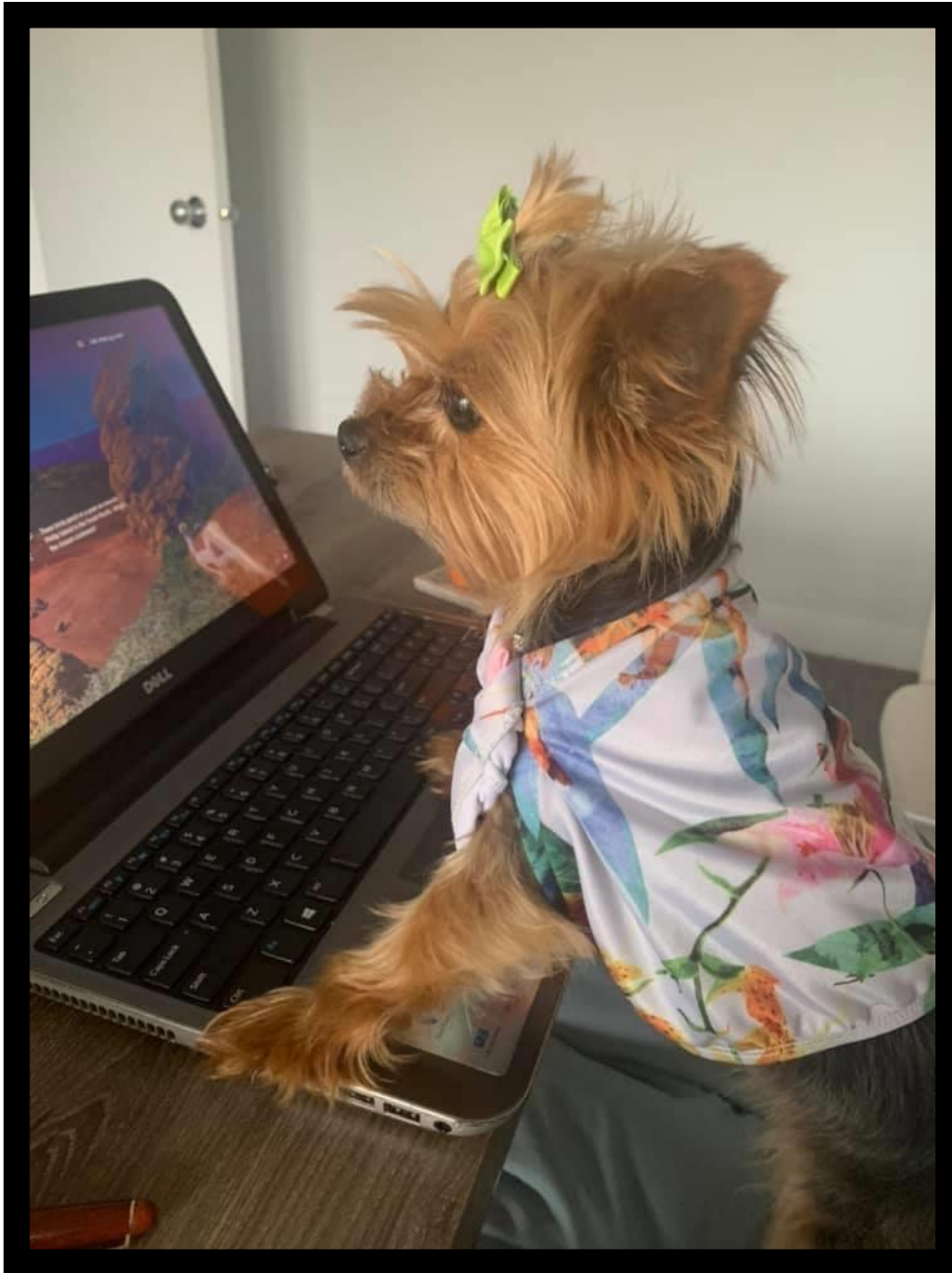
**Thursday, May 7, 2020**

**Upon returning to my office after a lunch hour yoga session, I found my assistant in my office. Not only was she using my coat to nap on, she also was eating her snacks out of my shoes. Obviously, boundaries remain an issue for her.**



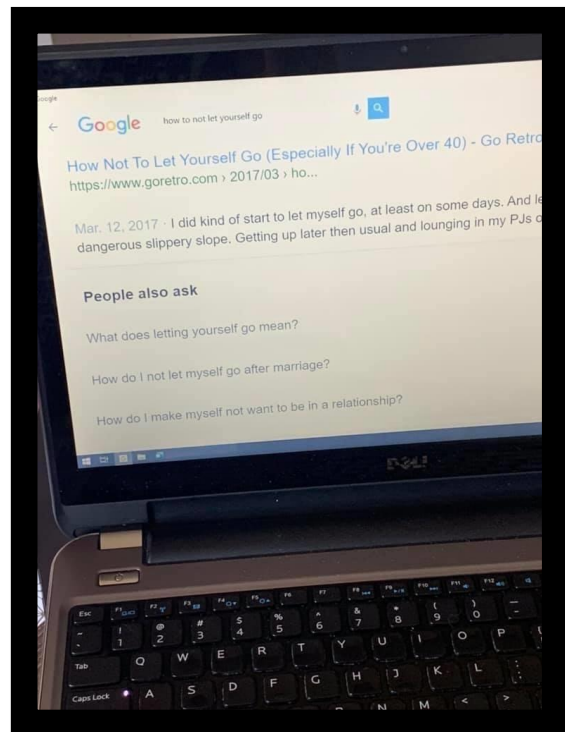
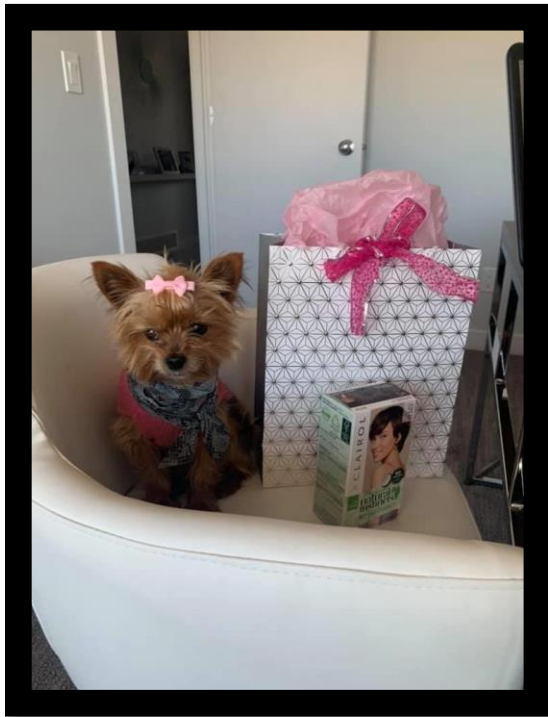
**Friday, May 8, 2020**

**It's Friday. The day my assistant normally slacks off. But today she's working. Really working. There's not even a hint of Baileys in her coffee cup. Announcing an employee of the month program appears to be a good move.**



**Monday, May 11, 2020**

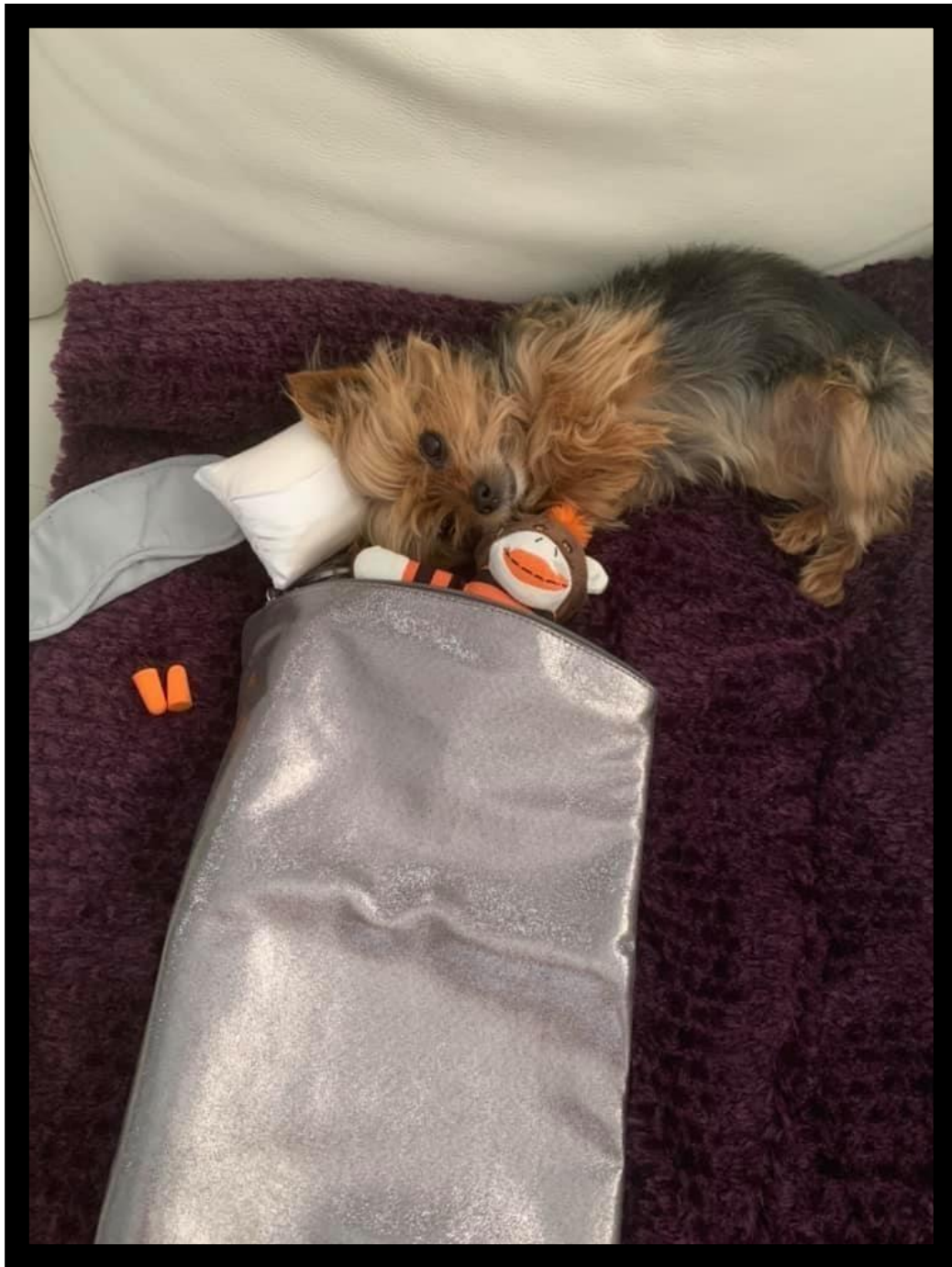
**My assistant brought me a gift and also started up my computer this morning. I decided to be flattered that she thinks I may still be in my forties.**





**Tuesday, May 12, 2020**

**My assistant slept at the office last night. Either she is taking this employee of the month seriously or she ended up getting evicted for growling at the landlord.**



**Wednesday, May 13, 2020**

**Caught my assistant trying to take the company vehicle. She claims she had an urgent matter to attend to. Now I'm stuck driving her because 1) it's urgent (or so she says), 2) she has no license, and 3) she can't reach the peddles.**



**Thursday, May 14, 2020**

**Yesterday I wasted half a day taking my Assistant to an “urgent” appointment. I was seriously worried about her. Today, I found out she went to the spa to have her nails and hair done. I had a few choice words with her and now she’s staying in her cubicle as opposed to bouncing around the office socializing. And yes, I know her pedicure looks great, but that’s not the point.**





**Friday, May 15, 2020**

**Having been banned from the executive washroom for spending too much time in front of the mirror (and for not being an executive), my assistant brought her own mirror to her cubicle. Now she's spending the day admiring her new haircut and letting the work pile up.**

