

I think if dogs were able to speak human language, they would say to us that the pandemic was the best time of their lives. Suddenly, their humans are home all day! All this attention! Their humans are bored and feel lazy so walks occur several times/day rather than once a day.

My dog has pretty much followed me around my house for the past year of my teleworking. I thought at first it would stop after a bit as he adjusted to my being home all day, but he continues to revel in my company and/or take very seriously his new job of being my constant protective companion. When I worked away from home 6-8 hours/day, he would jump up on "his" chair as I was leaving, and when I returned he would still be in that chair. I assumed he spent most of the day sleeping, as nothing was disturbed in the house.

Although it can be unnerving to have him be right by my side, or at my feet, all day, having him during this pandemic has made the situation easier. He has been sounding board for my troubles and a source of comfort when I feel despair. I know go for walks with him during the day and have met several neighbors I didn't previously know who do the same daily dog walk.

For dogs, this seems to be their finest hour.