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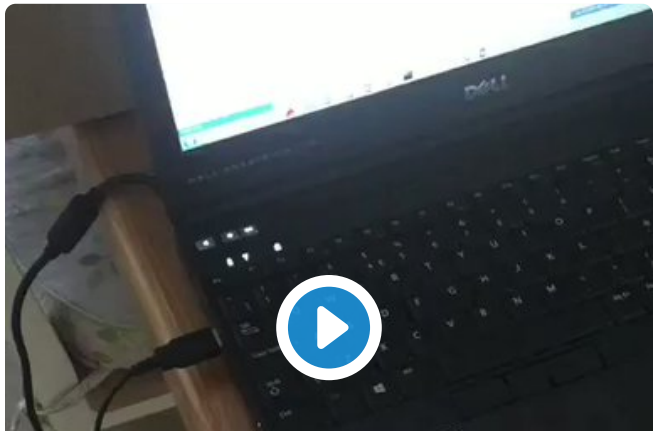


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1/22 1stPrize: Last Day, Mykhailo Ponomarenko.



BY DIANA BUDDS

1 MINUTE READ

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Farts, cats, naked bodies: People are failing hilariously at working from home

Heroes, all of you!

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BY MARK WILSON
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As COVID-19 has spread across the globe, businesses have prudently shut down offices and moved millions of employees from corporate desks to their domestic couches. Many of us are quarantined in too-small spaces, often with our children, hopping on Zoom meetings like everything is business as usual. And it kind of is, until your kid inevitably runs into the room, cutting off your boss mid-sentence, shouting, “Poo poo!”

Work culture will [need to adjust to the new normal](#), in which toddlers and flatulent dogs are our coworkers. It inevitably will. But until then, here are some of the worst work-from-home fails we’ve seen in the past week. They prove that, however rough your work-from-home experience has been, it could have been a lot worse.

Blame it on the roommate

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Wild animals



Lindsay Crudele 🌸👑
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Whole house WFH day 1 report: I whispered “I LOVE YOU” loudly into what turned out to be my spouse’s active meeting headset mic.
🏆

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Emily Kager

@EmilyKager



Strange new WFH universe pillow talk is your partner saying "I agree with what you were saying in that meeting this afternoon"

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rimsha
@rimshutup



Day 3 of WFH and my family started screaming while I was in a meeting and my coworker remarked: "Now I understand why you prefer to go into the office everyday."

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Christina Kerby
@ChristinaKerby



Pro-tip: if you and your husband are both working from home, check to see if he's on a four-way video call BEFORE running past the office naked to get a towel from the linen closet. [#RealStory](#) [#COVID19](#) [#WFH](#) twitter.com/tdmv/status/12...

Tony Martin-Veque @tdmv

Teleconferencing is hard



Amanda Baker

@amandahustled



Big WFH learning for me today.



Remind Ryan to put some clothes on before he goes into the bathroom first thing in the morning.

Today he walked past my team video call BUTT naked 🙈

SOOOOOOOO FUNNY 😂

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Marissa Notaro

@xoxomarissmarie



First day of working from home is going great. On a video call meeting with my 2 girl teammates and my brother walks into the room with only his boxers on. Happy WFH! 😂

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டேபானி ஸ்டார்க் - Tony Stark
@psam1997



The story of my WFH 😂





Hand Stanitizer Horaczek 

@stanhoraczek



The people on this conference call don't know, but I BARELY muted my microphone before my dog did something I can only describe as a yell barf.

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Misheal Crocker
@M_C_Crocker



Working from home today and my cat optioned to join me for my work meeting. She means business.



Quan
@QuanTarantino_



First WFH meeting and my dog decides to show his ass 🐶

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daniel taroy 

@danieltaroy



just started talking to my cat in the middle of a 68-person zoom meeting—and i wasn't muted!!! send the meteor!!!!

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Darius

@ComethTheNerd



WFH:

- join meeting
- unmute to speak
- washing machine starts spinning
- hurriedly get up to escape the noise
- not realise charger is plugged in
- proceed to loudly knock pint of water + cup of coffee all over *everything*
- ...continue speaking calmly as if nothing happened

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Body sounds



that fucking bug woman again

@taxxonomic



hashtag wfh Looks (everyone including me had their cameras turned off)



Ashley Casperite

@missalwayswrite



I'm in a WFH meeting and my Google Home just answered a question someone on the video call asked, unprompted.

I nearly jumped out of my skin.



Challenges of interior design



Kaleb Coleman [AR/VR]

@kalebcoleman



Every WFH meeting so far:

"I'm sorry, you go..." "no, sorry I-" "Well what I was sayi-" "I'm sorry, were you saying something?" "Go ahead, no sorry, you go..."

5 voices speak at once

suddenly no one speaks

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Philina Fan
@skyeefalling



This AM, WFH and prepping for 5 meetings:

Me: I don't have to put make-up on! Camera's pretty blurry, no one's gonna see this nose zit.

First meeting:

Coworker: There's something stuck to your nose. Is it food?

Subsequent meetings:

Me: Yes, it's a zit, let's move on.



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Aaron Pobre

@aaronnotpoor



Don't say "I heard email got coronavirus" in a wfh comms meeting.
It does not land.

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Josh Newton

@nooneswatching



WFH Side effect:

We can no longer use "Sorry we're getting kicked out of this room"
as an excuse to end a meeting on time.

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I'm not losing it, you're losing it!



Heather DeLand

@HeatherDeLand



Trying to press the 'leave meeting' button really fast on Zoom so I don't have to hold my awkward goodbye face for more than a second [#WFH](#) [#workingfromhome](#)



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Kids saying the darndest things



kief

@grtbarrierkief



day 1 of WFH and i already burped on a bluejeans meeting thinking i was on mute 🤖

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Yvette Chua

@yvettemc18



WFH Day 3: Was in a 15 person online meeting, thought I was muted, farted really loudly..... shit 💩

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Gareth Barlow 

@GarethBarlow



If you do WFH and have a Skype meeting, always consider if the 'art' on the wall is:

A) In shot

B) Appropriate

Okay, this is a work-from-home win

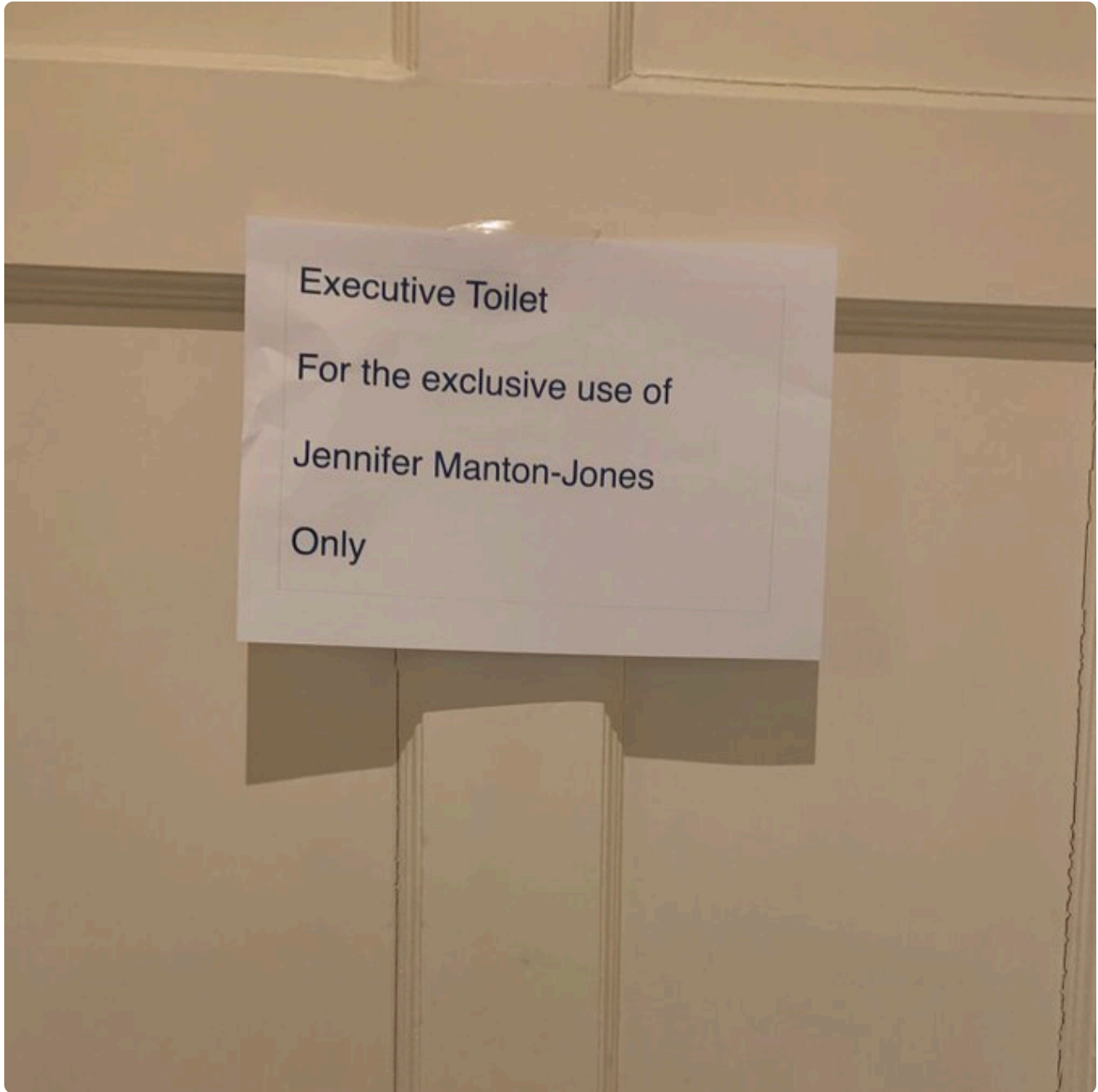


Ramsay Jones CBE

@Ramsay59



@MantonJen has this #WFH all sorted.....



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