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Have you ever made an excuse for not going to work ? I guess most people have. But have you ever called in for a day off because your dog is sick ? I bet you havent. Most people wouldnt have the guts. However , some companies in New Zealand find this as an acceptable reason for taking a day off. It is counted as paid sick leave. The reason , they say , is simple : "A sick dog is as much a dependant as a sick child." That makes plenty of sense , doesnt it ? This is now known in New Zealand as "dog days off." I wonder what the bosses in China will say if someone calls in for a dog day off.

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