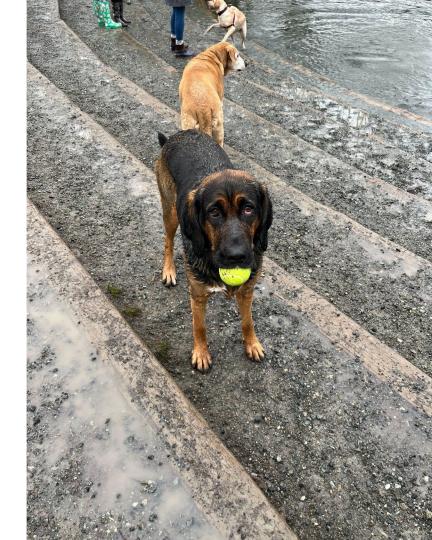
## Work life balance

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### Agenda

- Introduce myself
- Importance of work life balance
- How I practice work life balance
- Remediating challenges to your work life balance



#### About me

- Interned at Expedia Egencia
- Interned at SEL
  - o C#
- Worked full time at Egencia from 2019 2022
  - Java
  - o SDE 1, 2, 3
- Rover!
  - Python
  - o SDE 2













#### What is work life balance?



Equally prioritizing the demands of your career and life, in a way that satisfies you

When you tryna get that work life balance





# Why is work life balance important?

- Prevents burnout
- Focus on your health
- Achieve career goals
- Focus on family/friends/hobbies

#### How to be successful



- Set goals
  - Some goals are set for you by your manager
- Set boundaries
  - Choose dedicated work hours
  - Take meaningful breaks
- Stick to your goals and boundaries
- Pick a company with admirable values



#### **Setting Goals**



Sprint

Ticket - 1 point

Ticket - 3 points

Ticket - 2 points

Ticket - 5 points

1 point = 1 line change 2 points = couple hours 3 points = 1 day 5 points = a few days

### **Setting Goals**

- Manager driven goals
  - 12-15 points / sprint
- Career goals
- Personal goals
  - Give work your undivided attention for 8 hours
  - Read all emails + respond
  - Complete tickets
  - Trainings/slack/pr reviews



## Setting boundaries



- Decide working hours and communicate them
  - Block off calendar time that you need for personal time
- On call/PagerDuty
- Control notifications on your phone
- After hours work
- Working from home

## Choosing a company

- Vacation policy
- Sick policy
- Scheduling appointments
- Company values

#### What if!

- Someone works nonstop
- Teammates working weird hours
- Working with different time zones
- Responsibilities are piling up

## Questions???



