

## broadcast

The sitcom follows three slacker dudes who are roommates in a dingy house, work together at a telemarketing firm, and get into all kinds of absurdist shenanigans that typically involve drugs, beer, and lots of butthole jokes. It's juvenile, crass, and borderline offensive. And it's also hilarious.

But the show has an underlying sweetness, and the guys' authentic sense of friendship gives it surprising, subtle heart. It's something Anderson assures me we'll be seeing more of in season two, which just premiered on September 20. "We really test the limits of our friendship this season. But we stay together. That's really the theme of the whole show," Anderson says. "You may argue during the day, but at night it's kisses and 'Goodnight, dudes!' You're sharing that last slice of pizza, 'cause you care." It's a case of art imitating life, since Anderson has been friends and writing partners with DeVine and Holm for years, cranking out short videos and performing sketch comedy shows while living in L.A. and delivering pizza to pay the bills. In fact Anderson, who sports what may be television's most recognizable coif, and DeVine used to live together in the Van Nuys, CA, house that now serves as the *Workaholics* set. "Until the stink drove us out," Anderson says.

On the show, Anderson plays a guy with endearing naïvité and a sensitive, slightly geeky side—basically a made-for-TV version of himself. During our interview and photo shoot, he blesses me when I sneeze, continually compliments the photographer on her eye for set-ups, and even tells the groomer where she can find *BUST* on the newsstand. He also reveals his penchant for what most would consider less-than-cool interests. "I for sure have the biggest nerd background of the guys," he says. "I rolled with a pretty tight crew back in high school, and we weren't afraid to play *Magic the Gathering* and *Dungeons & Dragons*. I love puppet movies and fantasy films and comic books. I like dwarves and barbarians. It's cool! Like, don't judge me for that." And while there's no doubt *Workaholics* is aimed at dudes, when I ask about the show's creative process, Anderson is quick to tell me that ladies are very much involved. "We have some really funny girls who are writers on our show. And it makes the guys compete to make them laugh. So that helps as well," he says. "We always keep girls in mind. I mean, that's usually what makes guys do everything they do."

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## cat overload

HELPING FERAL KITTIES—ONE TCHOTCHKE AT A TIME

**WITH OVERPOPULATION THE** number-one killer of healthy cats in the U.S. and approximately 25,000 cats put to sleep each day in shelters, *BUST*'s "Nickel and Dined" columnist Isa Chandra Moskowitz has come up with a cute and creative way to make a difference in the lives of her favorite animals. Moskowitz, 38, is currently amassing a huge collection of thrift store cat tchotchkes, all of which she's painting teal and selling online to raise money for feline Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) programs across the country. By spaying or neutering as many feral felines as possible, TNR programs are the most effective way to cut down on the staggering number of unwanted kittens who end up in shelters and are often destroyed. An Omaha, NE-based vegan cookbook author with a tremendous following, Moskowitz's love for cats prompted her to give up eating and using animal products. And through her Teal Cat Project, which kicked off in July, she's harnessing her fan base to support TNR. "In addition to raising money," says Moskowitz, "we'll be raising awareness."

Moskowitz is initially requesting that supporters send her any cheap ceramic cat statues they can find at their local second-hand stores that are under a foot tall; then Moskowitz and a volunteer will spray-paint them teal to re-sell on her website, tealcatproject.com. Designer Anna Dorfman assigns each teal cat a number and adorns it with a beautiful tag before it is sent off to a buyer. Each figurine costs \$25, and 100 percent of the proceeds benefit an Omaha rescue group.

Moskowitz jokes that when searching for figurines at thrift stores, she'll usually find "30 clowns, 15 rabbits, 5 elephants, and maybe 1 cat," but these numbers don't reflect the actual numbers of cat lovers out there, and she's counting on every one to pitch in. "We're helping to put an end to feral cat overpopulation in our lifetime," says Moskowitz. "I think it's a real possibility." To find out more, go to TealCatProject.com. [JENNIFER CHEN]