



Keep Pets Safe During Fireworks and Fun...

With the 4th of July Holiday right around the corner, we thought we'd share some of the best information available to keep pets safe while you celebrate.

The following information is from The Humane Society:

Please remember that pets can become distressed by the additional noise and commotion involved with Independence Day. In fact, animal shelters across the country are accustomed to receiving "July 4th" dogs; dogs who run off during fireworks celebrations and are rescued by animal control officers or good Samaritans who take them to the safety of a local shelter. Fortunately, you can prevent pet problems on Independence Day simply by planning ahead and taking some basic precautions:

Fireworks terrify pets!

Create a safe haven for your pets in a sheltered, escape-proof part of your home with plenty of water. Also, turn on the TV to help mask the fireworks with familiar sounds.

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■ Leave them at home

There are many family and group activities that are perfect for pets, but a public fireworks display or a picnic, cookout, or any other type of gathering where fireworks will be set off isn't one of them; please resist the urge to take your pets to such an event.

■ Don't leave your pet in the car

With only hot air to breathe inside a car; your pet can suffer serious health effects, even death, in a few short minutes. Partially opened windows do not provide sufficient air, but they do provide an opportunity for your pet to be stolen.

■ Give them shelter

Keep your pets indoors at home in a sheltered, quiet area. Some animals can become destructive when frightened, so be sure that you've removed any items that your pet could destroy or that would be harmful to your pet if chewed. Leave a television or radio playing at normal volume to keep him company while you're attending Fourth of July picnics, parades, and other celebrations.

■ Keep it quiet

If you know that your pet is seriously distressed by loud noises like thunder, consult with your veterinarian before July 4th for ways to help alleviate the fear and anxiety he or she will experience during fireworks displays. Keep windows closed.

■ Pay attention

Never leave pets outside unattended, even in a fenced yard or on a chain. In their fear, pets who normally wouldn't leave the yard may escape and become lost, or become entangled in their chain, risking injury or death. Also, unused fireworks or their remnants are toxic to dogs.

■ Tag 'Em

Make sure your pets are wearing identification tags so that if they do become lost, they can be returned promptly. Animals found running at-large should be taken to the local animal shelter, where they will have the best chance of being reunited with their owners.