

PETS & FIREWORKS

Follow these tips to help in making fireworks less frightening for your pets

Safeguard Your Home

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Don't bring your pets outside during the fireworks.

Keep your pets secured inside the home.

Even dogs in fenced yards can find ways to escape the frightening sounds.

Securely close all windows, and draw the shades:
This way they can't see the flashing lights.



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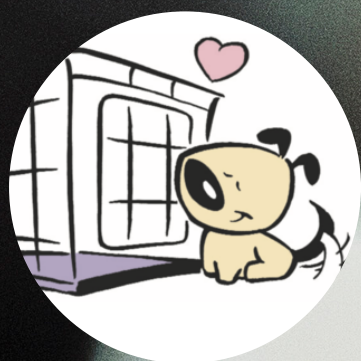
Provide a Safe Space

Give your pets a safe place to hide.

Prepare a comfortable place for your pet, such as:

A quiet room, pet carrier, or crate

This will help them to feel secure.



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Proper Identification

Ensure that your pet is wearing an ID with your current contact information:

Update all contact information.

For extra security, microchip your pet in case your pet's collar comes off:

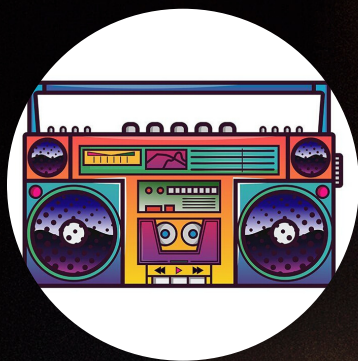
Make sure it's properly registered.



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Use Ambient Noise to Mask the Sound of the Fireworks

A radio or TV playing comforting music works well.



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Stay Home With Your Pet

Sometimes your presence makes all the difference.

This will ensure that they remain safe:
Especially if they have anxiety.



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Keeping your pets
calm and safe during the
fireworks display

Provide Distractions

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Keep pets busy with treat toys, like *Kongs*:
This can help distract and keep them
busy during the display.

A frozen *Kong* stuffed with treats will last for
hours.



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Never Use Fireworks Around Your Dog

The noise can spook them into
running off.

They can accidentally get burned by
the fireworks.

Walk Your Dog Early in the Day

Prior to the fireworks beginning.

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This will allow them time to use the bathroom
before the noise begins:

Pets may become too frightened to go
outside once the fireworks begin.

They will rest better after exercising.



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Cats

Make sure your cat has somewhere
to hide if they want to.

Examples:

Under furniture, a quiet
room, a cardboard box, etc.

Consult Your Veterinarian

Especially if your dog is extremely anxious.

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A mild sedative or pheromone diffusers may help in
calming your dog.

Referral to a clinical animal behaviorist for help.

Thunder Shirt for Dogs:

A natural calming solution in reducing anxiety
for fireworks.



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