

PET SAFETY: Fireworks Displays



Pets can become agitated during fireworks and escape from their home. They may jump, burrow or push through fences in order to escape.

Essentials if you will not be home:

- Keep your pet in a quiet and secure room, away from windows, or in a crate (if crate trained).
- Provide water and some long lasting food such as a bone.
- Take your dog to the toilet before leaving. For cats, provide kitty litter.
- Remove cables, breakables and dangerous items that your pet could damage.
- Return home quickly to check on your pet and provide toileting opportunities after the noises have subsided. Keep it on a leash in case it becomes spooked.
- If medicating your pet, consult your vet. Follow the dosage instructions exactly and medicate before anxiety sets in.

Tips for dealing with pet anxiety

- Keep your pet in a quiet, secure environment, away from windows. For outdoor dogs, prepare the garage or laundry.
- If your pet has mild anxiety such as mild panting or being unsettled, put on some music or tv to muffle the loud sounds. If your pet hides during loud noises, give it a hiding spot.
- If your pet suffers extreme anxiety, consult your vet who could potentially prescribe medication such as anti-anxiety remedies or sedatives. Try to stay at home with your pet.

In case your pet escapes

Ensure your pet's microchip details and council registration are up-to-date and that your pet is wearing a collar/ID tag with current phone number.

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