

Dogs and Fireworks:

Keeping Your Furry Friend Calm This 4th of July

Dogs have very sensitive ears. And unless they've been acclimated, the loud noises, bright lights, and unfamiliar smells of 4th of July fireworks can easily agitate your four-legged family member.



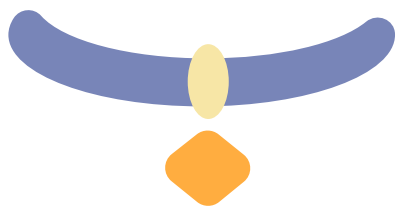
SIGNS OF DOG STRESS

- Cowering, shaking, or panting
- Unexpected whining, howling or barking
- Attempts to escape
- Hiding in unusual spots



CALMING YOUR DOG

- Don't leave your dog home alone when fireworks are expected
- Use a crate or other safe and cozy space as a retreat
- Mask fireworks noise with the television or calming music
- Use toys, treats and interaction to distract your dog from the unfamiliar noise



SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Keep your dog inside with windows and doors completely closed
- Make sure your dog is wearing a collar with a tag, even if staying inside
- Going outside? Securely leash your pet — and be prepared if your dog attempts to escape
- If driving, be sure your dog is restrained in a crate or seatbelt harness

Lost dogs are a common problem this holiday. Help keep your dog as calm and safe as possible. That way, come July 5th, you and your furry friend can get back to summer fun.

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