

Dogs and Fireworks:

Keeping Your Furry Friend Calm

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



SIGNS OF DOG STRESS

- Covering, 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
- Use a compression shirt to help alleviate your dog's anxiety with gentle, continuous pressure to regulate your dog's nervous system. To recreate this effect, wrap a snug blanket around your dog, ensuring it's not too tight, to offer similar comfort and security during anxious moments.



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

Fireworks can startle our four-legged friends, leading to panicked escapes. Help keep your dog as safe as possible any firework season by providing them a calm environment inside. Let's ensure post-fireworks days are for getting back to wagging tails and having fun.

Wag!