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## Pets Hate Fireworks!

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### More Pets Go Missing on July 4th Than Any Other Day Of The Year!

Share these great tips to provide a safe Independence Day for your canine household!

Take your dog for a long walk before the festivities begin. This will allow them to potty before the noise begins and it tires them out.



Leave your dog at home with all the windows securely closed and all shades drawn. Turn on some music to drown out noise from fireworks.



Never use fireworks around your dog. The noise can spook them into taking off, or they can accidentally get burned by the fireworks.

Leave your dog with something to play with (A frozen kong stuffed with treats will last hours).



Make sure your dog is wearing an ID collar with your current contact info. Collars can come off, so microchip your dog as well (and be sure to register it).



Consider staying home with your dogs to insure they remain safe, especially if they have anxiety.



Loud, crowded fireworks displays are no fun for dogs. Resist the urge to bring your dog with you to the festivities.

If your dog is extremely anxious, consult with your vet about giving a mild sedative to help calm your dog.

