



OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

4TH OF JULY SAFETY BULLETIN

KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE, CALM, AND PROTECTED

The 4th of July is a time of celebration, but fireworks and festivities can pose serious risks to your pets. Each year, animal shelters report a surge in lost pets during the holiday. Follow these safety tips to ensure your furry family members stay safe.

FIREWORKS + PETS = DANGER

Noise & Stress

- Fireworks can terrify pets, causing panic and escape attempts.
- Signs of distress include shaking, hiding, whining, drooling, or trying to run away.

Escape Hazards

- Pets often bolt through doors, gates, or windows out of fear.
- July 5th is one of the busiest days of the year for shelters due to lost pets.

PET SAFETY TIPS

1. Keep Pets Indoors

- Secure all doors, windows, and pet doors before fireworks begin.
- Do not bring pets to firework shows or crowded events.

2. Create a Safe Space

- Set up a quiet room with your pet's bed, toys, and soothing music or a white noise machine.
- Close windows and curtains to muffle sounds and hide flashes.

3. Identification is Critical

- Make sure your pet is wearing a collar with updated ID tags.
- Microchip information should be current in case they get lost.

4. Never Use Fireworks Near Pets

- Pets may suffer burns or trauma from accidental exposure.
- Even unlit fireworks can contain harmful chemicals.

5. Stay Calm and Comforting

- Your behavior affects your pet—stay calm and act normal.
- Avoid scolding scared pets; instead, offer reassurance.

IF YOUR PET GOES MISSING:

- Contact local animal shelters and animal control immediately.
- Post recent photos on community pages and neighborhood apps.
- Notify your microchip company.

EMERGENCY REMINDER

If your pet is injured or in distress due to fireworks or fire-related incidents:

Call your veterinarian or an emergency animal clinic.

For fires or immediate threats to safety, CALL 911.