

## Keeping Your Pets Safe During Summer Celebrations



Fireworks, picnics, and other Fourth of July traditions can be great fun for people. But all of the festivities can be frightening and even dangerous for animals. Noisy fireworks and other celebrations can startle animals and cause them to flee; holiday foods can be unhealthy; summer heat and travel can be hazardous; and potentially dangerous debris can end up on the ground, where animals can eat or play with it.

Whether you're planning your own Independence Day celebration or not, it's essential to take precautions to keep animals safe both during and after Fourth of July festivities.



### Preparing in advance:

Make sure your pets—cats and dogs alike—have identification tags with up-to-date information. If you have horses, you might consider marking a safety (breakaway) halter with your contact information and leaving it on your horse during this stressful time.

If your pets aren't already microchipped, talk with your veterinarian about microchipping. This simple procedure can greatly improve your chances of getting your pets back if they become lost. If your pets are microchipped, make sure your contact information in the microchip registry is up to date.

Remember, ALL FOCCAS animals are chipped, and all information on registering the chip in your name came with your adoption information.

Take a current photo of all of your pets just in case.

If your pet has historically been anxious on this holiday, or if you have reason to expect potentially harmful reactions, consider behavioral therapy to desensitize your pet and reduce the risk of problems. Some pets may need medication. Consult your veterinarian or a veterinary behaviorist.



Make sure the environment is safe and secure. If your neighbors set off fireworks at an unexpected time, is your yard secure enough to keep your pet contained?



After the celebrations:

Check your yard for fireworks debris before allowing pets outside to play or relax. Even if you didn't set off fireworks yourself, debris can make its way into your yard, where curious animals may pick it up to play with or eat. Check your pastures and remove debris to protect horses and livestock.

If you're hosting guests, check both your yard and home for food scraps or other debris that could be hazardous to pets, such as food skewers.

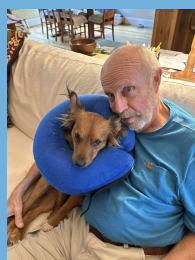
## Have You Registered Your Pet's Chip in Your Name?

It's National Microchip Month, and we just wanted to remind everyone to register your pet. All FOCCAS dogs are chipped before adoption, so be sure you have registered the chip in your name. Go to [24petwatch.com](http://24petwatch.com) or [nano.tryfi.com](http://nano.tryfi.com). You do not have to pay to register your chip, so don't be fooled by the website. If you have any trouble, please call FOCCAS at 931-246-9008 and leave a message. We will get back to you.



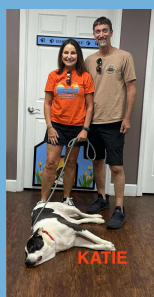
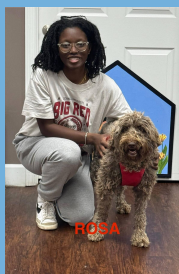
## Happy Tales

Mojo is a total gentleman. He's amazing, very smart, and affectionate. He surpassed all expectations because he is such a quick learner. Special thanks to his foster, I believe his name is Jerry, and I hope when he sees this, it makes him happy. Thank you all for the great new member of my family and for making it possible.



Just wanted to send a couple of pictures, featured above, of Pete (previously Kelvin) who we adopted on Sat - May 31. He is a sweetheart and has really attached to us. His neuter surgery is finally healed and he is working at getting the cats to like him. He is very docile and submissive with them. We are so happy with him. Thanks so much - Colleen and John.

## Our Recent Adoptions



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