



FIREWORKS ARE NO FUN FOR PETS!

Seattle Humane Society offers pet safety tips for Independence Day

Make this Independence Day fun and SAFE for you and your pets! Big gatherings, loud noises, and startling fireworks are all the things we love about Independence Day – but they can be very frightening for our pets. With a little planning and precaution, you can ensure that this Independence Day is enjoyable for everyone.

Pet Safety Tips for Independence Day:

- **KEEP PETS INDOORS**

Keep your pets in a safe, enclosed room, preferably one without windows. If you're having guests over, consider keeping pets in a room that's off-limits to guests, with plenty of water and food.

- **CREATE A CALMING ENVIRONMENT**

Surround pets with their favorite toys and other familiar objects. Sometimes the smell of an article of clothing from your laundry can help comfort them. Play soothing music and keep the room as quiet as possible by closing doors, windows, and blinds.

- **KEEP AWAY FROM FIREWORKS**

Even if your pet doesn't seem obviously upset by fireworks, they can still cause harm to pets. Avoid potential burns, injuries, or possible ingestion by keeping all pets out of the vicinity of fireworks.

- **UPDATE IDENTIFICATION**

The biggest risk of all this Independence Day is that pets will get loose and become lost. Even if a pet is secured inside, the sound of fireworks can cause them to enter an extreme panic mode – sometimes even breaking through glass windows. Make sure your pets are microchipped and wearing identification tags. Call to confirm that the pet's veterinarian and the microchip company have your current address and phone numbers.

The Seattle Humane Society offers \$20 microchipping services for pets of income-restricted guardians, including national registration. Visit us at seattlehumane.org to learn more about our microchipping and licensing services and have your pets microchipped today!

Seattle Humane Society has been awarded the coveted 4-star rating by Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. Founded in 1897 to bring people and pets together, Seattle Humane Society provides incredible companion animals for adoption 7 days a week, pet workshops and training, a pet food bank, a low-fee spay/neuter surgery program, humane teen club, a visiting pets program and more. Seattle Humane Society is located in Bellevue, at 13212 SE Eastgate Way. For directions and more information, visit seattlehumane.org or call (425) 641-0080.

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