

# 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PET SAFETY TIPS



***Fireworks might be fun for us, but they can be scary and overwhelming for our pets. Keep things safe and sane for your furry family members this 4<sup>th</sup> of July with these tips:***

- The safest place for your pets is inside. Even pets who spend time outdoors can be startled by loud noises and might jump a fence.
- Don't bring your pets to fireworks displays or neighborhood parties with you. ***And never leave your pet in a hot car!*** Keep them safe at home and make sure all doors, windows and any other escape routes are secured.
- Consider creating a quiet zone. Close the curtains, put on calming music and provide an enrichment activity (like a food-stuffed Kong) as a distraction.
- Is your pet's microchip and ID tag information current? If your pet does bolt, this will be their best chance of being reunited with you. If you're unsure if your pet is chipped (or don't know the microchip company) you can bring your pet to any vet clinic or shelter to have your pet scanned for FREE. The clinic or shelter should be able to provide information on how to contact each microchip company. If you have the chip # you can look it up online at [petmicrochiplookup.org](http://petmicrochiplookup.org). It's always a good idea to have current photos of your pet just in case.
- Leftover BBQ bones can wreak havoc on your pet's digestive system and foods like onions, avocados and grapes can even be toxic. Play it safe and don't "treat" your pet to human goodies.
- Alcoholic beverages are highly toxic to pets and can cause coma or respiratory failure. Never leave drinks unattended or within a pet's reach.

