

Fourth of July Safety

Fireworks, parades, and barbecues – Independence Day is a whole lot of fun, but it can also spell danger for your pet. Here are some tips for keeping your pet safe.



Fireworks

Fireworks, better known to your precious pets as “sky booms,” are extremely stressful for your animals. Just as thunderstorms can be very scary for pets, the loud sounds and bright lights made by fireworks can freak them out. It is best to leave them at home, inside where they will feel safe, while you attend a fireworks show.

- Keep matches and lighter fluid out of your pet’s reach at all times.

Sunscreen & Bug Repellent

Never use products not specifically labeled for animals unless your veterinarian instructs you otherwise.

- Do not apply sunscreen or bug spray to your pet. During the warmer months, keep them in shaded areas and speak with your veterinarian about heartworm as well as flea and tick prevention.
- Citronella candles can be harmful if ingested.

Table Scraps

- Do not allow your pet to eat table scraps or bones at your outdoor party. Fatty meats, desserts, and bones could give your pet gastrointestinal distress or much worse. Make sure your guests know that feeding your pet is not okay.

Keep Them Inside

- If you leave your pet in the backyard while fireworks are going off all around, they may become frightened and escape.
- As always, it is important to keep your pet micro-chipped and make sure their collar has ID tags with up-to-date contact info.

Dangerous Items

- Keep sparklers, firecrackers, beads and glow sticks far away from your pet. Intestinal blockage and gastrointestinal distress can occur if your pet ingests these objects.