

Remember Remember Your Pets This November!



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The introduction of a piece of legislation to control the sale and use of fireworks means that all fireworks displays must be licensed and the sale and use of fireworks is now restricted to certain times of the day and year. However, whilst this law will help regulate firework use, many pets will still be frightened this November as the sound of fireworks echoes around our neighbourhoods. For this reason it is essential to take a few precautions and ensure that your pet doesn't suffer this Bonfire night...

Bonfire Night DO's...

DO keep your pet indoors with windows and doors securely closed when fireworks are being set off.

DO ensure your pet has access to a place where he can go and settle if he is distressed by the noise of fireworks. Whilst this may simply be his usual bed it is also beneficial to offer an alternative such as a blanket under a table with some of your old clothes as this will provide somewhere to 'hide' and will be a comfort to your pet.

DO take your dog for his usual walk before fireworks are set off and ensure that he is kept on a lead at all times especially if you are in any doubt about whether the noise of a firework may cause him to bolt.

DO ensure your pet is wearing ID so that if he does run away there is a greater chance of him being returned to you. Note: whilst law dictates that your pet must wear a collar and tag, it is strongly advised that your pet is also microchipped as this increases the chance that

your pet can be traced back to you if lost.

DO praise your pet when he is calm as this will help reassure him.

Bonfire Night DONT's...

NEVER take your dog to a fireworks display or walk your pet while fireworks are being set off as this will often cause distress. Remember your pet doesn't have to be showing signs such as shaking or whimpering to be distressed as even excessive panting or yawning can indicate that he is anxious.

NEVER shout at your pet if he has been destructive as a result of distress - this will only upset him more!

NEVER tie your dog up outside if fireworks are being set off.

NEVER let your dog off the leash near a bonfire or fireworks display.

NEVER leave your pet alone if he is distressed - just like us our pets, seek comfort in numbers, so your presence will help reassure your pet that he is safe.

Wishing you and your pet a happy and safe Bonfire night!...

